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Army ultimatum and hostile Senate threaten Thieu leadership

/ith the communist offensive brushing aside crumbling overnment forces, President Thieu of South Vietnam was :ported yesterday to be facing an Army ultimatum to resign. ı Saigon the Senate called for "new leadership" without mentioning him personally. The communists yesterday captured Cam Ranh bay and cut the main road to the northern coast only 38 miles from Saigon. Workmen are digging a defensive line 20 miles north of the capital.

Road cut n path of Army 'etreat

Saigon, April 2.—A political isis gripped Saigon today as mmunist forces cut the capi-l's main road link with the rth only 38 miles from the ty boundary.

Amid reports that his generals id given him three days to sign, President Nguyen Van ieu held a series of urgent ilitary conferences joined by eneral Frederick Weyand, the nited States Army chief of aff.

The South Vietnamese Senate assed unanimously a resolu-on calling for a change of adership. The original draft emanded "a new leader" but ter lengthy debate this was anged to "leadership" with-ut mentioning President Thieu.

Mr Tran Thieu Khiem, the rime Minister, submitted his esignation today but it was not mediately known if it had een accepted.

The latest threat to Saigon ame near Xuan Loc, 38 miles ast of the capital, where the dvancing communists severed oute 1, the main road to the oastal provinces. Heavy fight-ng was reported in the area ith Government troops digging efensive positions.

Further north along the coast esistance collapsed before the mmunists who swept through ha Trang and took Tuy Hoa id even Cam Ranh bay—the oped-for haven for tens of ousands of refugees.

Fewer than 5,000 Government oops were reported standing tween Saigon and the com-nist coastal offensive. Half them were battling near Xuan oc, where a spearhead had ocked the Government retreat wn the coastal road.

Lieutenant-General Cao Van en, the country's leading neral, broadcast an order at e day to his troops telling em to "stop the enemy and estroy them. We have only ie way and that is to fight for ur survival", he said. "The storic hour has come".

The prospects of defending aigon were slightly improved oday with the arrival of ships nging troops and refugees om the north. Soldiers were ssembled in separate groups, resumably to be sent as rein-orcements to the capital's efences.

The Army radio station said oday that field commanders in he Saigon area had been rdered to execute on the spot isciplined or rebellious roops. The broadcast added that he chief of Bin Tuy province, ast of Saigon, had ordered an ndisclosed number of troops hot by firing squad.—UPI and euter.



An American official punches a man trying to squeeze on to the last-evacuation flight out of Nha Trang

Workmen digging new anti-tank defence line 20 miles to the north of Saigon

From Peter Hazelhurst
Ben Cat on Route 13
April 2

As the communist forces swept southwards today to capture the town of Cam Ranh bay, and Dalat and threaten cities within 100 miles of the capital, the South Vietnamese Army began to prepare for the final battle of Saigon some 20 miles north of the city. Here Government labourers are working furiously to extend fortifications and a three-mile-long anti-tank ditch.

Some 5,000 troops, evacuated yesterday from a training camp near Tuy Hoa in Central Vietnam, have been rushed to Saigon to reinforce the capital's defence line, a military source said.

Along the road there are obvious signs that one of the final battles of the Indo-China war is in the offing. Within six miles of the capital new anti-tank barriers have been hastily constructed with oil drums, filled with earth and reinforced with concrete.

Attempts to evacuate for the second time most of the refugees, who fled from Hue, Da Nang and other cities in the north, were abandoned today when North Vietnamese troops overran Cam Ranh bay, the site of the proposed resettlement camps. It is estimated that American and South Vietnamese ships managed to rescue some 45,000 refugees before the ports of Nha Trang, Tuy Hoa and Cam Ranh bay were abandoned without a fight yesterday and today.

Panic began to grip Saigon today. The price of the dollar almost doubled overnight on the black market and thousands of residents rushed into city banks today to withdraw saving to buy food.

In many cases residents complain that they are forced to pay bribes of more than £4,000 to obtain passports or exit permits at crowded immigration offices.

The Australian and American Embassies have advised citizens with non-essential business in Saigon to leave the country.

But as the North Vietnamese spearheads drove southwards to reinforce the estimated eight communist divisions already operating in the Mekong delta and around Saigon, a serene but deceptive peace hung over the capital's outer defence perimeter.

While intelligence reports indicate that two Vietcong regiments have already penetrated to a distance of 20 miles of the capital, there was no sign of any military activity today on Route 13 the northern road which leads from Saigon to the Cambodian border.

The communists hold the road at a point about 35 miles south of the Cambodian border or slightly north of the besieged Government town of Chon Tanh.

Driving up Route 13, it is difficult to believe that this might soon become one of the last scenes of the battle in this war, for there is no doubt now that the Government forces can never hope to recapture the lost northern and central provinces. It is also doubtful whether South Vietnam's relatively less experienced Seventh, Ninth and Twenty-first Divisions can hold the southern delta area if parts of their units are diverted to reinforce Saigon's defences.

In the battle-scarred garrison town of Ben Cat, soldiers were puzzled today by the sudden lull in communist military activity. "We know the VC is only six kilometres away from here and we know we are outnumbered, but we have only received one rocket attack in a month", a soldier said.

Threatened by a flanking movement from the east, the troops appear to be demoralized and the news of the sudden collapse of six divisions appears to have sapped their will to fight. "There are a large number of communists out there in the jungle. There are only a few of us. If they come we will run back to Saigon", a young private told me.

Saigon, April 2.—South Vietnam's army newspaper has demanded that the Government take strong measures against foreign correspondents because they are in major part responsible for the recent communist successes.

In a front-page editorial today, the newspaper, *Tien Tuyen* (*Frontline*) described foreign journalists in South Vietnam as deadly dangerous and the enemy within.

Although the editorial was directed at foreign journalists, in fact, the usually heavily censored Saigon press itself has reported the South Vietnamese Army's catastrophic rout of the last three weeks in surprisingly full, vivid and accurate detail.—New York Times News Service.

Washington, April 2.—A second C5 transport aircraft was flying to South Vietnam tonight with a load of 87 artillery pieces for the South Vietnamese Army. This is the second huge transport aircraft to be sent to South Vietnam with artillery and other equipment this week.

A third C5 is expected to leave for South Vietnam within a few days carrying armoured personnel carriers, machine guns and some other equipment.—AP.

'Unsafe' jet flies out orphans, Phnom Penh evacuation, and map, page 4.

IRA bomb warning on ceasefire 'violation'

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The 51-day-old ceasefire between the Provisional IRA and the British Army suffered its most severe blow yesterday when the Provisionals claimed responsibility for an explosion that badly damaged a building near the centre of Belfast.

Coming in the wake of bellicose speeches at Easter by Provisional IRA leaders, the incident is likely to affect the Government's plans to release more of the 570 republicans still detained without trial in the Maze prison, Long Kesh.

The bomb was planted in a travel agent's close to the Europa Hotel by two armed youths. It exploded about 30 minutes after the area had been cleared. It was the first daytime bomb in the city since March 21 and the first acknowledgement of a hostile action by the Provisionals since the ceasefire on February 10.

A statement later by the Provisional IRA's Belfast brigade maintained that the incident was "meant to serve as a warning that further violations of the truce by the British Army will no longer be tolerated".

The statement added: "We for our part have completely observed the 'no hostilities' pledge given when we entered into a truce with the British Government on February 10, despite extreme provocation from the British Army."

It cited the shooting of two members of Provisional Sinn Fein in Ross Street on March 13 as the main cause of strain on the truce. "Since then", the Provisionals said, "our people have been subjected to increasing harassment, arrests and raiding of homes." The statement concluded: "These so-called security forces seem to act with impunity, with a total disregard for guarantees given publicly by Mr Rees (the Secretary of State)."

Mr Rees said last night he had already made it clear that security forces' activities would be related to the level of any activity. "There is no question of a truce. This is a ceasefire by the Provisional IRA."

The continuing internal feud between the Marxist-oriented official IRA and the Irish Republican Socialist Party resulted in another shooting in Belfast last night. Mr Hugh Madden, who recently left the official IRA to join the IRSP, was taken to hospital after being shot in the back near his home in Andersonstown.

Fischer given extra day

Amsterdam, April 2.—Bobby Fischer, the American world chess champion, was today given a further 27 hours to agree to play his Soviet challenger.

Dr Max Euwe, president of the International Chess Federation, said Anatoly Karpov would be formally declared champion at 11 am tomorrow unless word had been received from Fischer by then. The American was being given one more day in case he had sent a telegram which had not yet reached Amsterdam.—Reuter.

Mr Sithole to remain in detention as advocate of violence

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, April 2

A special court under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Macdonald has ruled that the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, president of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) should be kept in detention.

In a three-hour judgment delivered in the High Court in Salisbury today, the judge said that Mr Sithole adhered to the basic communist philosophy of Zanu that violence was the only acceptable method of bringing about political change.

He added that the pitiless and wanton murder by Zanus of unarmed black tribespeople was so cowardly and fiendish that it defeated the understanding of ordinary decent men.

Last week a tribunal specially ordered by the Rhodesian Government considered for three days whether Mr Sithole should be kept in detention after being arrested on March 4 on instructions from Mr Desmond Lardner-Burke, the Minister of Law and Order.

Initially Mr Sithole was charged with plotting the assassination of three other Rhodesian Black Nationalists—Bishop Abel Muzorewa, president of the African National Council (ANC), Dr Elliot Gabellah, the vice-president, and Mr Joshua Nkomo.

But this charge was never considered as the court took up an alternate charge that Mr Sithole headed Zanu and its military wing Zanla, which was responsible for carrying out a guerrilla war on Rhodesia's northern borders. When the court president ruled that the assassination charge was not to be heard, Mr Sithole withdrew his defence.

After the state Attorney General had led detailed evidence to prove that Mr Sithole headed Zanu and Zanla, Mr Justice Macdonald and his two assessors, Mr Justice Jarvis and Mr Charles Bort, spent Easter considering judgment.

Mr Sithole was released from detention last December after 10 years, six of them being on conviction of plotting the assassination of Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister.

Giving his lengthy judgment today, Mr Justice Macdonald said the tribunal did not inquire into the assassination allegations on the ground that terrorism allegations were more serious, and that to protect the identity of witnesses the inquiry would have had to be held in camera, with even the most basic particulars of the allegation withheld from Mr Sithole.

The tribunal therefore had not investigated this allegation "although assassination for political reasons would seem to be commonplace in Africa at the present time and although the affidavit on which the minister relied in making the detention order was apparently credible and comes from a source which should be unimpeachable".

The judge said that in the court's view the guerrilla allegations were more important. A

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Two train robbers are freed after nine years

By Clive Borrell

James White and Ronald ("Buster") Edwards, two members of the gang that stole £2.6m in the mail train robbery 12 years ago, were released yesterday, giving fresh hope of an early release for some of their fellows serving 30-year sentences.

Mr White had served half of his 18-year sentence and Mr Edwards nine of his 15 years. Five of the seven robbers still in prison are due to have their sentences considered by the Parole Board this summer, having served more than a third of their sentences. All have avoided trouble while in prison.

The men still in prison are believed to place great store on the way the two men released yesterday conduct themselves on parole. They fear that sensational newspaper articles "ghost-written" for the two might adversely affect their own release on parole.

Mr White, aged 55, left Gartree prison, Leicestershire, at 6.30 am in the boot of a car, to avoid publicity. Mr Jack Beaumont, the prison governor, said: "I was delighted to give him the news of his release. If all prisoners were like White, my job would be easy."

Mr White has been allowed out recently, accompanied by a prison officer, to get used to the outside world. At a football match he was overcome by the large crowd and left before the end.

When he visited shops in Leicester, he thought that a price of £135 for a suit was a mistake, and should be £13.5. "He just could not believe that that was the real price", a salesman said.

Mr White, who has a wife living in the south of England under a new name, was one of the last of the gang to be sentenced after three years on the run. His share from the robbery, which took place near Cheddington, Buckinghamshire, in August, 1963, was said to have been about £100,000, of which £37,626 was later found in an abandoned caravan.

Mr Edwards was released at about 8 am from Wormwood Scrubs prison, London. He has also been allowed acclimatization trips recently.

Mr Edwards, who gave himself up three years after the robbery, was said by the police to have received £150,000 as his share.

The men still serving their sentences are Bruce Reynolds, James Hussey, Roy James, Robert Welch, Gordon Goody, Thomas Wisbey, and Charles Wilson. All but Mr Wilson have recently been reclassified as B category prisoners, for whom the very highest conditions of security are not necessary but for whom escape must be made difficult.

One robber, Ronald Biggs, is still at large in Brazil.

Mr Shelepin denies that his visit was cut, and criticizes demonstrators

y Staff Reporters

After the demonstrations in ondon, Mr Alexander Shelepin, ead of the Soviet trade union ovement, enjoyed a day of elative freedom in Scotland esterday. He denied that he as cutting short his British isit, and denounced the emonstrations against him.

Only one demonstrator from Jewish organization met Mr helepin, a former head of the GB, at Prestwick airport. He voided a confrontation with krainian exiles when his car rove straight to the aircraft r his return flight to Russia. he aircraft took off at 5 pm d the demonstrators hardly aw him.

But the London demonstra-ons clearly affected Mr helepin and during the day e made scathing reference to the Jews and Ukrainian groups. They had, he said, each been paid £5 to stand and shout.

Mr Shelepin's interpreter had difficulty with his proverbs, but the message was fairly clear: "You may have a saying in your country that those who pay the money are in charge of making orders in connexion with the music."

Mr Shelepin said: "I did not have time, but I wanted to confront them. I wanted to tell them, 'You have been given £5. I am going to give you £20. Now go home'. These are the Jews for the sake of whom we lost twenty million of our lives and saved many of theirs during the Second World War.

"The attempts to spoil the visit and spoil our relationship

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27 French pilgrims killed n coach disaster

rom Richard Wigg
aris, April 2

Twenty-seven persons were illed today and 16 more were ijured when a coach crashed ver a bridge at Vizille, near renoble, after descending a teep hill at speed. The coach lunged some 120ft, coming nally to rest, upside down, on he banks of the river omanche.

The passengers, from Sully ur Loire, were returning with heir parish priest from visiting shrine at Notre Dame de la alette, high up in the Massif e l'Oisans, where the Virgin fary is supposed to have ppeared to two children in the iddle of the last century.

Most of the passengers were lderly and not one escaped unharmed, rescuers said.

The accident happened at ne of the worst black spots n French roads. In 1946 18 eople from another group of pilgrims returning from the shrine were killed when their coach also failed to descend the Laffrey hill at Vizille safely.

In July, 1973, 43 passengers in a coach carrying Belgian tourists were killed after their vehicle ended up over the bridge and on the river bank. A survivor of that accident said afterwards that the driver had shouted, just before the crash: "My brakes aren't working".

The Ministry of Works said tonight that improvements had been made to the road and the speed limit on the hill was 25 mph. According to gendarmes, the coach's speedometer was blocked at 75 mph.

A boy, who was going up the hill on his bicycle saw the coach coming down "very rapidly" with the driver gesticulating. Then, he said, the coach went over the bridge and there was the terrible sound of a crash.

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Hope of end to fish blockade

Prospects of an end to the inshore fishermen's blockade appeared promising last night after Mr Hugh Brown, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, had promised fishermen's leaders in Aberdeen that the Government would seek changes in the EEC's common fisheries policy. Mr Brown said later: "I got a good response from the fishermen's representatives. I am hopeful." The blockade spread to Ulster yesterday but was lifted elsewhere

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Bishop defends vicar in exorcism case

The Bishop of Wakefield yesterday defended the Rev Peter Vincent, the vicar involved in the Barnsley exorcism, and said he would not ask him to resign, although he had been misguided. The bishop said certain facts not mentioned at the murder trial had since come to light

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Mr Daley reelected

Mr Richard Daley, the Democratic Mayor of Chicago, has won his sixth term in office despite recent scandals. He received some 77 per cent of the votes. The major issue emerging in the election was a series of police investigations involving numerous civic groups and individuals, including the Mayor's opponents

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Minister warns unions

Breaching the social contract was not a "virility symbol", involving only defeat for government policies, but a defeat for all, including trade unionists, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, told the electrical power engineers' conference at Brighton yesterday

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'Mirror' dispute plea

Sunday People journalists last night urged the Prime Minister to intervene in the dispute between the Daily Mirror group and print workers after the group's chief executive warned union leaders that the *People* and *Reveille* would close if agreement was not reached by next Wednesday

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Smoking dogs: Shareholders' dogs outside yesterday's ICI meeting in London at which smoking tests on beagles were defended by Sir Jack Callard, retiring chairman. Plans for compulsory disclosure of company information were attacked at the meeting

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Wates chief resigns

Mr Neil Wates has resigned as chairman and managing director of Wates, Britain's biggest privately-owned building group. His cousin, Mr Michael Wates is to take over as chairman. The group last night refused to comment on reports of a family dispute in the boardroom. Seven of the nine directors are members of the family

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Soya beans: Four-page Special Report to mark the opening in London of the International Soya Bean Meal Futures Market

Teachers plan ban on violent pupils

Teachers should refuse to take violent or disruptive children and force parents to take responsibility for their discipline, the National Association of Schoolmasters decided yesterday. Delegates to the association's conference at Brighton promised to support any teacher taking such action with the executive's authority after hearing of attacks on staff and playground muggings and extortion

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"Grouse from your own moor tastes so much nicer don't you think?"

"My luxury is Löwenbräu."



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Deadline is set for saving 'Reveille' and 'Sunday People'

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

The *Sunday People* and *Reveille* will be closed with the loss of several thousand jobs unless the industrial dispute between the Daily Mirror group and the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat) is settled by next Wednesday.

General secretaries of printing trade unions were told that yesterday in a letter from Mr Percy Roberts, the group's chief executive. But he also stated that there was some hope of a new meeting between management and union today.

Mr Edward Pickering, chairman of the group, said last night that if the dispute was not settled by next Wednesday three London issues of the *Sunday People* would have been lost since its relaunching in September in the new small format. A similar situation applied to *Reveille*.

The *Daily Mirror* and *Sporting Life* have not been printed in London for eight days. Since the dispute started about 24 million copies have been lost.

Talks on Tuesday broke down over a proposed clause in a pending pay agreement ending the automatic replacement of workers who leave or retire, which the union refused to accept.

The group dismissed all 1,750 warehouse staff at the beginning of last week after some had taken unofficial industrial action and issued protective notices to 9,000 other employees. Some of the notices are due to expire on Wednesday.

Mr Roberts's letter read as follows:

It is with the greatest regret that I now have to tell you that yesterday's talks between Mirror Group Newspapers and Sogat ended in deadlock. I am attaching a copy of the statement issued by Mirror Group Newspapers last night.
This deadlock and the continuation of non-publication in London of all our newspapers means that the notices in many cases become effective in seven days' time. If the dispute goes on until April 9, we shall have no alternative but to action these notices which expire on that date. It will apply to 22 per cent of our total staff.
By April 9 we will have lost three London issues of the *Sunday People* since it was relaunched as a tabloid in September. Interruption of publication of this magnitude will make it impossible to continue. We propose to announce the closure of this newspaper prior to April 9.
By April 9 three consecutive issues of *Reveille* will have been lost immediately after its editorial relaunch, which quickly showed that this publication could have been saved. This is no longer possible. We propose to announce the closure of the publication of *Reveille* prior to April 8.
These decisions are not being taken lightly. We appreciate to the full the long-term consequences. We were aware when we embarked on the policy of non-automatic replacement that we might face this situation. We believed then, as we believe now, there is no other way in which this company can be restored to viability and be in a position to continue publishing its newspapers.
The issue between Sogat and ourselves is one of great simplicity. Mirror Group Newspapers say that when a man leaves our employ he will not be automatically replaced. The London central branch of Sogat, in response, say that every man who leaves will be replaced. They state firmly that staff can be reduced only through mechanization.
There is, I am sure, no need for me to stress the gravity of this situation. If you wish to discuss any points with us we are, of course, available. I am writing a similar letter to other general secretaries concerned.

Journalists protest: The National Union of Journalists' *Sunday People* chapel (office branch) sent a telegram to the Prime Minister last night (the Press Association reports). It read:

The journalists of the Sunday People wish to place on record their alarm at the threatened closure of this publication, which would deprive 13 million readers of a major, campaigning newspaper, and urge the Prime Minister to intervene.

Mr Roberts's letter was received too late to be considered by yesterday's meeting of the council of the National Graphical Association. It will be considered today.

Mr John Bonfield, the union's general secretary, said: "Any help we can give in arriving at an acceptable solution would be readily given. It behoves everybody with any involvement to be doing their best to achieve an acceptable solution."

Breaking of contract 'not virility symbol'

By Our Political Staff

A grave warning came yesterday from Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, to those who believe that to breach the social contract is some kind of virility symbol involving defeat for the Government and for nobody else.

It meant a defeat for all who had voluntarily entered into the contract, he told the Electrical Power Engineers' Association at Brighton.

In a letter in *The Times* last October Mr John Lyons, the association's general secretary, had explained that the contract embodied recognition by unions that in the longer-term interests of everyone there were limits to what could be done at present.

"No responsible person should try to undermine the notion of the contract before it has had a fair opportunity to operate", Mr Lyons had written.

Mr Varley added: "It is a social contract which you and the rest of the trade union movement entered into voluntarily because you recognized that it was in your interests as much as the Government's. You did not enter into it on the basis that it was of value provided that everyone else observed it, and you did not need to. Nor did the rest of the trade union movement, nor did the Government."

Differentials: Mr Lyons made clear at the conference that the power men intended to maintain the differentials they obtained last year (the Press Association reports).

The position of the lower-paid in time of inflation should be properly protected, he said, but there was no requirement to proceed with a policy of redistribution of incomes over and above that.

Prison allowance: After six months of talks, London's 2,000 prison officers have been offered a London weighting allowance of £81 a year (a Staff Reporter writes). Anger at the delay and the size of the offer is expected when national officers of the Prison Officers Association meet London branch representatives tomorrow.



Mr Shelepin (facing camera) and Mr Murray at Heathrow yesterday.

Mr Shelepin says visit not cut

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with the working classes of England and Scotland are futile. Their attempts to discredit the outstanding results of negotiations between Mr Wilson and Mr Brezhnev turned out to be futile and collapsed. So you understand that we were satisfied with the result of our stay in London."

Mr Shelepin denied that he was cutting short his visit: "This is just an attempt to say something wrong about our stay in your country." The programme, he said, had been agreed upon three weeks ago.

In Kilmarnock, Mr Shelepin addressed representatives of the Scottish TUC, who gave him two standing ovations.

In London earlier, a jovial Mr Shelepin was seen off at Heathrow airport on his flight to Scotland by Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC.

Mr Murray defended the decision to invite the delegation to Britain. He said they had no regrets but condemned the demonstrations.

The demonstrations had affected the programme, but he denied that the visit was cut short. It had been successful, with both sides recognizing differences in their outlooks, but feeling they could learn from one another.

The Soviet newspaper *Trud* said yesterday that the TUC and the Central Council of Soviet Trade Unions had decided to pursue further cooperation

Moscow comment: Moscow Radio said last night that British newspapers and Conservative Party politicians seemed intent on destroying better relations between the Soviet Union and Britain with their treatment of Mr Shelepin's visit.

Mr Valentin Belyaev, a Moscow Radio observer, said Conservative politicians and Fleet Street "seem bent on torpedoing efforts to establish a new, more constructive and better relationship.

"In their determination to return the relations between our two countries to the cold war level, they do not shrink from anything."

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Talks raise hopes of ending fish blockade

From Peter Hennessy
Aberdeen

Prospects of an end to the inshore fishermen's blockade appeared promising last night after Mr Hugh Brown, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, had given an undertaking to fishermen's leaders in Aberdeen that the Government would seek changes in the EEC's common fisheries policy at a meeting of the Community's agricultural ministers later this month.

After the three-hour meeting Mr Brown said: "I got a good response from the fishermen's representatives. I am hopeful." The fishermen's action committee met later to discuss the situation.

In a statement, Mr Brown said the question of imports from non-EEC countries was—the main grievance of the fishermen—being studied by the EEC, and early progress was expected. The economic state of the industry would be kept under review.

Mr Brown said, however, that he could not make a commitment about granting government subsidies to shell fishermen and owners of boats less than 40 ft long.

The blockade spread to the Northern Ireland ports of Belfast and Warrenpoint yesterday but was lifted at the Tyne, Whitby, Newhaven and Fleetwood, and partly lifted at Hull and Whitehaven.

The situation yesterday at ports throughout the country was as follows:

Aberdeen: Captain Harald Wegner, skipper of the West German coaster Seagull, who threatened to smash through the blockade, was told by the West German Government not to sail. Earlier three trawlers had hemmed the coaster in at the quayside after Captain Wegner's threat.

Forth and Clyde: The High Court in Edinburgh granted interim interdicts against about 180 skippers blockading ports in the two firths. The petitioners were the Forth Ports Authority and the Clyde Port Authority.

Belfast: At least 30 boats blocked the main shipping channel into the harbour, stopping all traffic, although an assurance was given that ferries and "essential supplies" would be let through.

Captain William Long, secretary of the Ulster Sea Fishermen's Association, said: "W hope this will go on for a ver short time. We are not nor mally militant and we don' like to do this sort of thing, bu we have to show solidarity."

Whitehaven: Four trawler skip pers withdrew from the bloc ade but the remaining five sai they were determined to sta Most of the vessels in th Whitehaven fleet were blocka ing Northern Ireland ports.

Fleetwood: The action ende after a meeting with distan water trawler owners, wh appealed for their vessels to b allowed to sail.

Tyne: The blockade was lifte a few hours before fisherme were due to be served with High Court injunction on th petition of the Port of Tyn Authority. The action commi tee said the fleet had returne to Newcastle fish quay, whe it would wait for orders fro Aberdeen to sail to other port

Hartlepool: Fifty wives fishermen, many accompanie by children, marched to th premises of the town's main fis wholesaler and on to the doc in support of their husband protest.

Whitby: The blockade w lifted after the port authori had said it would not impo frozen fish or allow diverte ships to land their cargoes.

Hull: The blockade at the Kin George and Queen Elizabet docks was lifted after fishe men had been assured that fis imports would not be receive there. The men promised t unblock Alexandra dock whe dockers agreed not to handl foreign fish.

Grimsby: Mr Dennis McKenn the protesters' leader, said th Port of London was a possibl blockade target but would n disclose details. "We ar having a meeting to conside the legal position", he said.

Newhaven: The blockade wa called off by the unanimou agreemem of a hundred skip pers and crew. They were tol that officials of the Ministry o Agriculture, Fisheries and Foo had agreed to meet them i London next Tuesday.

Oslo, April 2.—The blockade was discussed in Oslo yesterday by Foreign Ministry officials and leaders of the Norwegian fishing industry (Reuter reports).

The ministry said Norway was unlikely to make any new move concerning frozen fish exports.

Rail disruption threat if dispute goes on

By Our Labour Staff

British Rail said last night that commuter and Inter-City train services might be disrupted unless the industrial dispute involving workshop supervisors was not settled by the weekend.

The 5,000 supervisors are banning overtime and Sunday working, causing locomotives and rolling stock to be taken out of service for longer than usual while maintenance and repair work is carried out.

Western Region is likely to be worst affected today with half of all Inter-City services expected to be cancelled. Most commuter services will run, but many will be reduced in length, causing overcrowding.

London Midland Region expects a quarter of its local and long-distance services to be cancelled and many trains to be reduced in size. Eastern Region said that a few services into Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street stations would be cancelled and some suburban trains into King's Cross would be shortened. Southern Region also expects a few cancellations.

British Rail advises passengers to check with their local stations before beginning journeys.

Trains cancelled: Scores of trains were cancelled yesterday and hundreds of services operated with shorter trains (the Press Association reports).

The Brighton-London service was the worst affected because of a derailment at Redhill. There were too few maintenance men to get a diesel locomotive back on the line, and shuttle services operated between Redhill and Reigate and between Redhill and Earlswood. Normal working was resumed later in the day.

Dock strike leader on sick pay

The Port of London Authority confirmed last night that Mr Brian Nicholson, unofficial leader of the stoppage which has kept the docks idle for more than a month, is not on strike.

Mr Nicholson, a member of the Transport and General Workers' Union national executive, has not worked since injuring his leg seven months ago working on a ship. He has been receiving sick pay and social security benefits.

The dockers' slow drift back to work continued yesterday, suggesting that there may be a vote to end the stoppage when the men meet tomorrow.

The Number One docks group of the Transport and General Workers' Union, which has been leading the strike, decided yesterday that the meeting should be held at the West India Dock, where it will be easy for observers to see the voting.

In previous meetings there has been a dispute about whether there was a majority to continue.

Tally clerks at Tilbury voted yesterday to return, and more than a hundred of the 180 men employed at the Purfleet Deep Wharf are now working. Fifty more returned to firms in Tilbury, the "royal" and India and Millwall groups of docks.

Staff militancy denial after school's closure

By a Staff Reporter

The fate of St Giles Language School in Oxford Street, London, was sealed yesterday amid charges that staff militancy had forced its closure and counter-charges that the principal had sacrificed the school because of his anti-union feelings.

Press conferences held by Mr Paul Lindsay, the principal, and members of the staff disclosed deep divisions about the reasons for the closure on Thursday. About four hundred students, many of them foreign, are affected.

Mr Lindsay, who formed the school 20 years ago, said the closure was costing him £20,000. Relations between himself and the English language staff had soured a year ago when they joined a managerial and technical staffs branch of the General and Municipal Workers Union.

Mr Lindsay said that non-union teachers had been made unwelcome by the hostile attitude of some union members.

But his allegations of militancy and disruptive tactics were hotly denied by six members of the English language staff.

Mr Lindsay plans to take a rest and write a book.

Fish prices rise by half

By Hugh Clayton

Some retail fish prices have risen by half in the past week, and inshore varieties have become scarce, because of the blockade of ports. Prices will be high and some supplies low on fishmongers' slabs tomorrow, although processors of frozen food have enough stock to maintain supplies of packed fish portions and fingers to shops.

Fishmongers said yesterday that whiting, herring and mackerel would soon be scarce in some areas. Whole plaice will cost as much as 50p a pound and coley fillets may exceed 35p, compared with 26p to 32p a week ago. Cod fillets will cost up to 80p a pound, compared with 46p to 60p last week.

The reason for such prices is the high bidding for restricted supplies at ports. The price of cod in some markets has risen by half in less than a week. A box of turbot that would normally cost less than £60 was sold at Aberdeen yesterday for £83.

Birds Eye Foods, Britain's largest frozen food processing company, said: "Stock cover will probably last for a couple of months on some products, such as fish fingers. There is probably no immediate problem for any company in the industry." The company intends to raise some prices, but not because of the blockade.

Teacher cuts 'disastrous' for discipline

Local authority cuts in teaching staff because of the economic crisis might have a disastrous effect on school discipline and cause increasing violence by pupils, a teachers' union leader said yesterday.

Mr Raymond Bryant, newly installed chairman of the Professional Association of Teachers, told the association's annual conference in London that local authorities were cutting back on staffing because of the economic crisis.

Some youngsters deliberately set out to upset the good order in a school, Mr Bryant said. Correction would bring abusive language, and outside the classroom perhaps physical violence.

Mr Bryant, headmaster of Eastbourne Comprehensive School, Darlington, said examples of that type of disruptive behaviour were on the increase. He emphasized that such children were in the minority, but the failure of society to deal with them adequately enabled them to interfere with the freedom of the majority. The economic crisis cuts meant larger classes, which would only help the disruption to flourish and cause learning to suffer.

Mr Bryant continued:

"Having observed the frustrations of some young people arising from the raising of the school-leaving age, I think we might be wise to allow certain pupils to sample the real world of work at 15 and return to complete CSE or O-level examinations later, if they so desire."

Schoolmasters threaten ban on violent pupils

From Sue Cameron, of
The Times Educational Supplement
Brighton

Schoolmasters are threatening to refuse to teach violent and disruptive pupils as part of a campaign to force parents to take responsibility for their children's discipline and moral standards.

Delegates to the National Association of Schoolmasters conference in Brighton yesterday were told of children who mugged their classmates and extorted money from them. One child aged six had forced a classmate to hand over £25. Another junior school child had pulled a knife on a woman teacher.

A motion pledging full support for all schoolmasters who refused, under instructions from the executive, to teach disruptive pupils until local authorities put pressure on the parents of the children concerned was carried overwhelmingly. The motion also called for local authorities to make arrangements for educating children who failed to fit into normal schools.

Mr Christopher Mitton, who teaches at a Leeds comprehensive, said 95 per cent of children were decent and hardworking, but their education was being held up by a disruptive minority. "Most children want to get on with their work but they cannot because their teachers are forced to spend too much time playing at being child psychiatrists, prison warder and wet nurse all rolled into one." Responsibility for discipline and moral standards belonged in the home.

Mr Gerald Lees, an executive member from London, said he knew of 16 schoolmasters who had been threatened with dismissal because they had refused to teach a boy who had kicked one of them.

Mr George Kavanagh, head of a Roman Catholic junior school in Liverpool, said he knew of a primary school child who had drawn a knife on a teacher, and another who had thrown a chair at a member of staff. He had evidence of protection money being taken from frightened infants by "six-year-old muggers."

Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, replying to those who have criticized his decision to cut the teacher target for 1981, told the conference that any attempt to aim at a teaching force of more than 490,000 would almost certainly cause unemployment.

It had been made clear to local authorities that they were expected to employ all the 16,000 teachers who would leave colleges of education this September. That meant that, overall, all young teachers should be able to find jobs next year and there would also be a slight improvement in staffing ratios.

University protest: University teachers are planning disruptive action on May 6, in protest at the rejection by the Government of an 18 per cent pay claim because it would breach the social contract's 12-month rule

Council promise on bonus report

Kingston upon Thames council will take no action against anyone as a result of a confidential report by a district auditor about a bonus scheme for manual workers.

An assurance to that effect was given yesterday by Mr John Bishop, the council's chief executive.

DC10 ban lifted

The British Airways DC10 service to Los Angeles is likely to start in mid-May. Cabin staff agreed in pay talks last night to lift a ban on training for the aircraft.

Tougher penalties urged for sex offences

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Tougher penalties for some sexual offences were advocated yesterday by the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales.

The association suggests in a memorandum to the Law Commission and the Home Office that the police should have unconditional powers of arrest in cases of sexual intercourse and other overt sexual behaviour likely to cause offence in public. It was commenting on a working paper of the Law Commission dealing with conspiracies relating to morals and decency.

The paper proposed the creation of a new offence with a maximum fine of £100 when participants in such behaviour ought to have known it was likely to be seen by others who would find it offensive.

The superintendents say the proposed maximum fine of £100 for indecent exposure by males should be increased to £400. They agree with the provisional view of the Law Commission that no new offence is necessary to deal with female "streaking", and that advertising by prostitutes, unless overtly indecent, should not be an offence.

Commenting on the report of the Home Office working party on vagrancy and street offences, the association notes a great increase in the number of illiterate and inadequate vagrants, after the passing of the Mental Health Act, 1959. Allied to them was the chronic alcoholic.

Representatives of seven organizations concerned with homeless people, crime prevention and alcoholism, commenting on the same report, called for the repeal of the Vagrancy Acts.

In a letter to the Home Secretary, they argue that vagrancy laws serve only to punish homeless and poor people, hiding the facts of deprivation behind a smoke-screen of law.

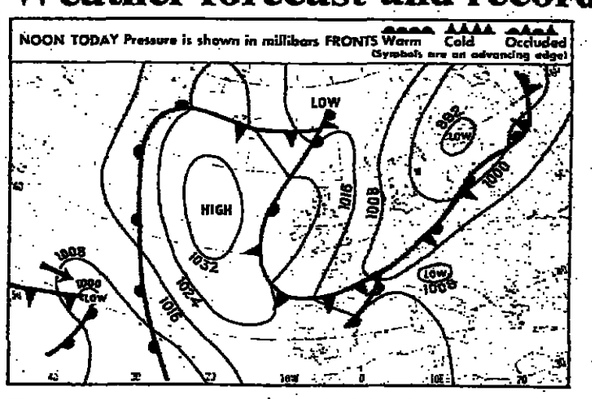
Doctors seek urgent pay claim report

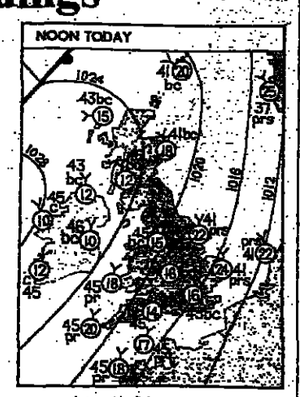
Doctors yesterday pressed the Prime Minister to publish the review body's recommendations on their 40 per cent pay claim as soon as possible.

After a meeting of the British Medical Association council, at which Mr Walpole Lewin, the chairman, announced that the report was in Mr Wilson's hands, Dr Derek Stevenson, the secretary, said he had warned the Prime Minister of "the extreme urgency of the situation".

More than half the 23,000 general practitioners have sent in their undated resignations from the NHS in case the outcome of the review body's report is unsatisfactory.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.33 am. Sun sets: 7.36 pm
Moon rises: 2.41 am. Moon sets: 11.20 am
Last Quarter: 1.25 pm.
Lighting up: 8.6 pm to 6.1 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.24 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 7.38 pm, 6.1m (20.0ft). Avonmouth, 12.14 am, 11.1m (36.4ft); 12.35 pm, 10.5m (34.4ft). Dover, 4.33 am, 5.5m (18.2ft); 5.4 pm, 5.4m (17.7ft). Hull, 11.37 am, 5.9m (19.4ft). Liverpool, 4.44 am, 7.8m (25.7ft); 5.20 pm, 7.3m (24.0ft).

A cold N airstream will cover the British Isles.
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, E Anglia, SE, E England: Bright intervals, rather frequent wintry showers; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Central S, NW, central N England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Bright intervals, wintry showers developing; wind N, moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F).

N Wales, N Ireland, Isle of Man: Sunny intervals, wintry showers; wind N to NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Lake District, Borders, NE England: Bright intervals, wintry showers; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Showers or longer periods of rain or sleet, snow on high ground, but sunny intervals; mostly rather cold, night frosts.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind N, fresh, locally strong; sea moderate, locally rough.

English Channel (E), St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N, fresh; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 8°C (46°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 58 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, .23in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,009.2 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	f 14	57	Copenhgn	f 5	41	Lisbon	s 15	59
Amsterdm	c 6	43	Dublin	r 9	48	Locarno	s 13	55
Athens	s 20	68	Edinburgh	f 7	45	London	r 9	48
Barcelona	s 15	59	Florence	r 11	52	Luxembg	sn 7	45
Beirut	s 21	70	Funchal	c 17	63	Madrid	f 11	52
Belfast	r 5	41	Geneva	s 6	43	Majorca	f 15	59
Berlin	r 3	37	Gibraltar	s 16	61	Malaga	s 18	64
Biarritz	r 7	45	Guernsey	r 9	48	Malta	s 19	66
Birmingham	c 5	41	Helsinki	sn 2	36	Marrakesh	f 21	70
Brussels	r 3	37	Innsbruck	s 5	41	Moscow	f 7	45
Budapest	f 10	50	Istanbul	c 24	75	Munich	s 5	41
Cardiff	c 9	48	Jersey	r 8	46	Naples	c 14	57
Cologne	r 3	37	L. Palmas	f 19	66	New York	s 9	47
Nice	s 15	59
Nicosia	s 24	75
Oslo	f 1	34
Paris	s 5	41
Reykjavik	s 1	34
Rome	c 12	54
Ronaldsway	c 8	46
Stockholm	sn 0	32
Tel Aviv	s 21	70
Venice	r 12	54
Vienna	c 8	46
Warsaw	f 0	32
Zurich	s 6	43

Overseas selling prices
Republic of Ireland 9p; Algeria, Sch 15; Belgium, BFr 25; Channel Islands, 9p; Denmark, Dkr 3.60; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Frs 2.30; Germany, DMk 1.90; Greece, Dr 120; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 400; Luxembourg, Lf 18; Madeira, Esc 15; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 3.00; Portugal, Esc 17.50; Spain, Pes 15; Sweden, Skr 3.50; Switzerland, Sfr 2.35.

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Yugoslav leads after lively chess at Birmingham

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Birmingham

There was much lively play in the sixth round of the Zetters' grand master chess tournament in Birmingham yesterday, and at the end of the session Matulovic, the Yugoslav grand master, was leading with 5½ points, followed by Matera, 4½, Mestel and S. Webb, 4 and one to play, Haag, 4, and Miles, 3½ and one adjourned.

The British champion, Botterill, who seems out of form, left himself too short of time against Matulovic in this round, and lost on time with five moves still to go.

Round six: Matulovic, 1, Botterill, 0; Parr def. Webb against Janusevic; adj., QP King's Ind def.; Miles against Lasic adj., Parr def. Chalstorp, 0; Damjanovic, 1, QP King's Ind def. Matera, ½, Cafferty, ½, QP Nimzowitsch def. Haag, 1, Carden, 0; Aitchine def. Ball, 1, Bisguier, 0, Three Knights' opening: Nunn, 0, Mestel, 1, Sicilian def.

Round five adjourned games: Gaste, 0, Chellstorp, 1; Cafferty, 0, Matulovic, 1.

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Summer-born babies 'get worst deal in education'

From Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent
Blackpool

The summer babies were more likely to become educationally backward than those born at other times of the year, Mrs Winifred Phillips, of Braintree, Essex, said at the National Union of Teachers' annual conference in Blackpool yesterday.

In many authorities' areas children were admitted to infants' schools only at the beginning of the term in which they became five years old. She proposed that they should be admitted at the beginning of the year in which they became five.

She pointed out that those born between September and December had one term less than three years of infant schooling; those born between January and April had two terms less and those born between May and August might forfeit a whole year.

A recent survey had shown that a significantly higher proportion of educationally backward and retarded children were summer babies. "Indeed, there is ample evidence to show that in streamed primary and secondary schools (they still exist) a summer-born child is relegated to a lower stream."

She advised young mothers to have their babies during the winter.

A card vote was taken on the motion, but the result was not clear last night.

The union rejected a proposal for a working woman's charter, despite International Women's Year and despite having a woman president (Mrs Elsie Clayton). It passed instead a motion calling on the executive to campaign vigorously for elimination of sex discrimination in all areas of education.

Many speakers called the motion woolly and ineffective. The charter proposed by Mrs Tina Pamplin, Nottingham, would have called for more family planning clinics supplying free contraceptives, free abortion readily available, and an extension of teachers' maternity leave from 18 to 36 weeks. Among other recommendations, it asked for family allowances to be increased to £2.50 a child, including the first child.

Mrs Pamplin said that more than half of all women teachers were on the bottom pay scale, compared with a quarter of men teachers. In most children's books women were always mothers, cooking and cleaning and blissfully happy in the kitchen, helped by their daughters, while their sons made aeroplanes, sailed boats or climbed trees. She said that discrimination in terms of courses and curriculum meant that most girls left school with no perspective on the future, apart from marriage.

But Mr Sam Fisher, of the union's executive, said the union had already gone a long way towards meeting the demands of the charter. Teaching was well ahead of every other profession for its maternity leave and pension schemes.

HOME NEWS

Bishop's support for 'misguided' vicar who tried exorcism

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Bishop of Wakefield, Dr Treacy, yesterday expressed confidence in the Rev Peter Vincent, the vicar involved in the Barnsley exorcism, and said he would not ask for his resignation. Mr Vincent had always been a sincere and conscientious clergyman, though on this occasion he had been misguided.

Dr Treacy announced the setting up of a commission in his diocese to examine the question of exorcism; meanwhile all services of exorcism were banned in the diocese. The commission would investigate the relationship of exorcism with psychiatric medicine, and would produce regulations to control its use.

At Leeds Crown Court last week, Michael Taylor was committed to Broadmoor hospital after he had admitted killing his wife. He was cleared of murder by reason of insanity.

Before killing his wife, Mr Taylor was the subject of an attempted exorcism by Mr Vincent in Gawber parish church, Barnsley. The bishop said yesterday that certain facts not mentioned at the trial had come to light afterwards. He also observed that neither Mr Vincent nor the Rev Raymond Smith, the Methodist minister concerned in the exorcism, had been able to reply to criticisms made of them in court.

In the first place, Dr Treacy said, it appeared that Mr Taylor had been in a disturbed state before he went to Mr Vincent's vicarage on October 5, the night of the exorcism.

"It is therefore untrue to suggest that the visits to Gawber vicarage induced the mental state which led to the killing", the bishop said. "I am, however, inclined to the view that the exorcism to which he was submitted exacerbated his mental condition."

In the second place, he understood that Mr Vincent and his wife tried to inform Wakefield police of Mr Taylor's condition, in the few hours after the exorcism but before he attacked and killed his wife. "But the police did not think they had sufficient grounds on which to take action", Dr Treacy said.

That was partly confirmed by West Yorkshire police yesterday. They said that at 7.45 am on October 6 "a Mrs Gilbey" had telephoned to the police and asked for advice about "a man called Mike", who had been involved in a religious ceremony at Gawber and who was in a disturbed mental condition. The police told her to call the man's family doctor and, through him, the council's social services department, and to call back if there was any further difficulty.

The police said yesterday that it would have been impossible to trace anyone from the bare description given, and "we did not get the impression that there was a maniac about" on the basis of the information.

It was said at the trial that later that same morning Mr Taylor was found by a police patrol, naked and covered in blood, wandering the streets in a deranged state.

Dr Treacy said he believed that Mr Vincent had acted with the best of intentions, and "genuinely believed that the methods they used to rid Mr Taylor of the evil spirits they thought him to possess were the best in the circumstances.

"In my own judgment they were seriously mistaken in the methods they employed, a view shared by others who have experience in administering exorcism." But Mr Vincent had done nothing to justify a request for his resignation. "Should he resign his living it would be entirely on his own decision", the bishop said.

The Methodist Church has held an internal enquiry into the actions of Mr Smith. The church's legal and polity committee is to consider the findings next week, and is expected to decide that the proper place for any further investigation is the resumed inquest on Mrs Taylor, which has been fixed for April 21.

The church said it would be legally represented and would lend moral support to Mr Smith.

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Woman Police Constable Margaret Liles, whose foot was amputated in the Moorgate Tube crash, was discharged from St Bartholomew's Hospital yesterday.

Lack of secure mental hospitals causes dilemma for regional health authorities

Court case exemplifies NHS weakness

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Watford magistrates today will consider, once again the case of a man who has been held in custody because a secure hospital place is not available. The court has been trying for more than three months to get Mr Trevor Bonner admitted to Napsbury Hospital, near St Albans.

The North West Thames Regional Health Authority told me this week there was no secure accommodation at Napsbury for detaining patients who did not wish to be in the hospital, and there was none in the region.

The case exemplifies a serious weakness in the National Health Service which independent committees have been anxious to have repaired for nearly twenty years.

Mr Bonner was arrested on October 24, 1974, charged with carrying an offensive weapon—a carving fork. He told the police that it was for protection against cars that hooted at him. He was remanded for medical reports, and in December magistrates deferred sentence for four months and released him on £25 bail.

Two days later he was arrested again, this time charged with carrying a knife. He denied the charge, but was found guilty and remanded in custody.

Mr Edward Kennett, a Watford magistrate, said last week that it would be an injustice to send Mr Bonner to prison.

In fact the dilemma of the Watford magistrates is repeated throughout the country. What Mr Kennett called an injustice prompted recommendations by the Royal Commission on the Law Relating to Mental Illness and Menral Deficiency, 1954-57.

It said that dangerous patients should be specially accommodated in a few hospitals having suitable facilities for their treatment and custody, leaving other hospitals free to dispense with restrictive measures to the greatest possible extent.

But although Lord Butler of Saffron Walden's committee issued its interim report on mentally abnormal offenders last July, such special accommodation has still not been provided. The committee advocated "the provision as a matter of urgency of secure hospital units in each regional health authority area".

The comments of the Butler committee reflect with prescience those made in court last week in the case of Mr Bonner.

Dr Thomas Earewell, a consultant psychiatrist, agreed in court that Mr Bonner might become more dangerous to the public as time went on. He ought to be treated in a Broadmoor-type hospital for three or four years before going to Napsbury.

But the Department of Health and Social Security has refused Mr Bonner a place in any of its three top-security hospitals, Broadmoor, Rampton, and Moss Side.

The reason is not the overcrowding, which "shocked and astonished" Lord Butler and his committee, but that Mr Bonner is not considered to be a case suitable for that sort of treatment.

An official in the department told me: "It is correct that he is a case of someone for whom immediate provision cannot be made due to unavoidable delay between the recommendations of the Butler committee and their implementation."

Yet a working party on the special hospitals, set up by the Minister of Health at that time, recommended as long ago as February, 1961, that regional hospital boards should rearrange their psychiatric services to ensure that there was a variety of types of hospital unit, including some secure ones.

Last year Lord Butler's committee commented: "The ministry issued a memorandum to regional hospital boards in July, 1961, giving advice on the implementation of that recommendation and others in the report, but not a single secure unit materialized."

The department could not say if any had yet been provided as a result of the Butler committee's recommendations and the further circular the department had sent out with them, emphasizing the urgent need for provision of secure places.

Twelve million pounds, spread over four years, has been specially allocated. The department told me that £3m had been spent so far this financial year.

As Watford magistrates consider once more how to get Mr Bonner into a secure and appropriate place for treatment, the need to implement the recommendations of nearly twenty years becomes even more urgent.

Killer may have used name of 'Turner'

The kidnapper and killer of Miss Lesley Whittle may have used the name Turner, the police said yesterday.

Commander John Morrison, head of Scotland Yard's murder squad, said that a pair of expensive German-made binoculars, found in Bathpool Park, Kidsgrove, Staffordshire, not far from Miss Whittle's body, had been bought by a man named Turner, who gave a false address. In September, 1974, a letter addressed to a Mr Turner was sent to an address near the one he gave at Wilmslow, Cheshire.

"We are particularly anxious to talk to this Mr Turner, or to anyone who knows anything about these binoculars", Commander Morrison said.

Chief Inspector Len Barnes, head of Staffordshire crime squad, said they still wanted to trace four pieces of steel wire, similar to the wire found around Miss Whittle's neck. It had been made in Redditch, and sold in Walsall.

Harbour death

Mrs Sheila Darlow, aged 38, a secretary, of Park Close, Portslade, Sussex, was killed yesterday when her car left the road and sank in 20ft of water in Shoreham harbour.

School to close

The Outward Bound school at Holne, near Ashburton, Devon, is to close in September because of rising costs.

ICI chief denies cruelty to beagles

By David Leigh

Directors' ashtrays on the stage of the Dorchester hotel ballroom remained studiously unused yesterday. Sir Jack Callard, chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, was championing the value of cigarette research against protesting animal-lovers, while a further group, including Mr Spike Milligan, demonstrated in the street outside.

In quest of a tobacco substitute the company has spent 10 years and up to £200,000 on animal tests, Sir Jack said. The final safety tests involve making beagles smoke, and that has caused an outcry.

Thirty thousand people die each year from lung cancer, he said. That seemed important enough to justify the tests.

Sir Jack said there was no cruelty, and the beagles did not mind being made to smoke.

Dr Harold Howitt, an American, asked why humans like himself could not replace the beagles. He was told it would not be allowed by the authorities.

Smoking doubt: More than two fifths of Britain's smokers either do not believe that cigarette smoking can kill or do not know, according to a Gallup Poll survey on smoking (a Staff Reporter writes).

The survey, commissioned by Thames Television in conjunction with tonight's *This Week* programme "Dying for a Fag?" shows that two fifths of those aged over 16 smoke. Although 65 per cent of them think cigarettes harm their health, 30 per cent do not believe cigarettes can kill, and 13 per cent do not know.

Asked which caused more deaths in Britain, road accidents or smoking, only 16 per cent of smokers were right. Of the others, 63 per cent were wrong, and 21 per cent did not know. In fact, smoking is said to kill 50,000 people in the United Kingdom every year, six times more than die in road accidents.

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Inquiry on plan for biggest pit opens

From Ronald Kershaw
Selby

A foretaste of arguments to be presented by the National Coal Board in support of its application to develop the Selby coalfield emerged at the opening of the public inquiry at Selby yesterday. Mr John Griffiths, QC, on behalf of the board, said the predicted coal production of 10 million tons a year would save Britain's balance of payments £250m a year. It would be the world's biggest pit, producing five times as much coal as the complex at Longannet in Scotland, the largest in Britain.

Mr Griffiths said the application was to mine the Barnsley seam beneath 110 square miles. At present the board did not intend, and would have no legal right, to work any other seam. As evidence of the richness of the 11ft seam, he pointed out that in parts of Yorkshire it had been found economic to work seams only 2ft thick. Reserves were about 600 million tons, between 10 and 15 per cent of nationally known reserves.

Production from Selby, Mr Griffiths continued, would produce enough electricity for the whole of Yorkshire and Humberside.

The Barnsley seam at Selby, a virgin seam, gave engineers the opportunity to use the most modern mining technology. Productivity would be five times better than the national average for industry and two and a half to three times better than that of some of the most modern pits.

To the hall filled with representatives of interests ranging from farmers, landowners and state undertakings to local authorities, public bodies and environmentalists, Mr Griffiths said the board understood the importance of developing the mine with as little disturbance to the environment as possible. That had been among its top priorities.

The inquiry is being conducted by Mr M. Adamson, an independent planning consultant nominated by the Department of the Environment.

Army's new visors to reduce nuclear battle casualties

From Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent
Colchester

The Ministry of Defence is to equip British troops in Europe with visors to protect the eyes and face against the intense light and heat from tactical nuclear weapons. In a simulated bomb test at Colchester yesterday the material developed for the Stores and Clothing Research and Development Establishment showed how the skin and eyes would escape burns.

Mr T. K. W. Overton, deputy director of the establishment, said that 80 to 90 per cent of casualties within 12 miles of a tactical nuclear weapon could be avoided by use of the visors.

The establishment has clothing to protect against body contamination. But defence against burns to the face and eyes has been under investigation for more than 10 years.

The new development, in co-operation with Sir George Porter, FRS, Director of the Royal Institution, bears directly on his discoveries that earned him his Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

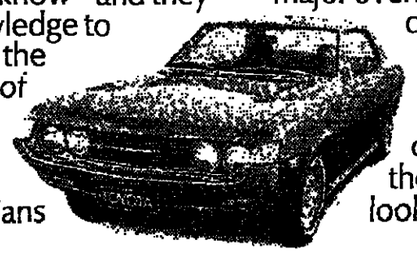
It hinges on a process known for 40 or 50 years by which certain chemical compounds change colour when exposed to intense light or heat and return to their original colour afterwards. These photochromic materials have been in military use and in civilian applications for sun glasses and windscreens that reduce automatically glare from sunlight.

The intense light and heat from a nuclear detonation, however, happens too quickly for the conventional photochromic materials to act. But Sir George's research proved invaluable in studying chemical processes occurring in fractions of a millionth of a second.



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WEST EUROPE

Communists and Socialists vie for public support as Portugal's election campaign gets under way

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, April 2

Within minutes of the official opening of Portugal's electoral campaign early today, teams of party militants were busy sticking thousands of posters on the already poster and slogan covered façades on Lisbon buildings.

The Socialist Party was the first to hold a rally in the southern city of Faro at which Dr Mario Soares, the party leader, spoke.

Typical of the pace of the electioneering is that the ultra leftist Portuguese Democratic Movement is planning 5,000 meetings all over the country linked with popular festivals. The first mass rally of the campaign is being held by the Portuguese Communist Party in Lisbon's Sports Palace tonight.

The party political broadcasting time on television today was divided between the Socialist and Communist parties. In a terse five minute speech, Senhora Maria de Jesus Barroso, the wife of Dr Soares, a Minister without Portfolio, backed her husband's programme for democracy. Senhor Antonio Dias Lourenco, of the Communist Party, spoke at length about the sacrifices made by party members in Portugal's fight for democracy.

It has been announced that the Armed Forces Movement (MFA), which heads Portugal's governing hierarchy, will today make known its proposed agreement with the political parties which will regulate the movement's future participation in politics.

The move comes after a series of meetings between the leaders of the main political groups and the representatives of the MFA. Their discussions were temporarily interrupted by the abortive right-wing coup last month. This in fact hurried on the institutionalization of the MFA and the creation of a Revolutionary Council with legislative powers.

Another effect of the coup attempt was the MFA's decision to include NCOs and privates in the movement's ruling body, the assembly, enlarging its membership from 200 to 240.

Brandt hint on mood of isolationism in US

From Gretel Spitzer
Berlin, April 2

Just returned from two weeks in Mexico, the United States and Venezuela, Herr Willy Brandt, chairman of the Social Democratic Party, said in Bonn today that he had never before in America encountered such a degree of irritation and uncertainty about the role of the United States in world affairs.

Herr Brandt, former Chancellor, told a press conference that it would be wrong to underestimate isolationist trends in the United States. However, it should be assumed that the role of America as a world power would stand the test.

A "constructive dialogue" between the United States and Europe could play a big part. He appealed to America's allies not to leave that country in the lurch now and not to allow mistrust to spread or to construe "wrong schematic connexions" between South-East Asia and Europe.

Herr Brandt summed up his talks with President Ford, Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State, and with Mexican and Venezuelan leaders, in three points:

The policy of détente continued to determine the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union to the same degree it did in "our part of the world". It would remain the principal theme.

The link between the United States and Europe was unbreakable. There were no overt problems between the two at present. There might be differences of opinion among the Western allies, but the Western partnership was solidly anchored and need not be affected by crises in other parts of the world.

Berlin, April 2.—President Scheel of West Germany, will visit the United States from June 2 to 7, it was announced today. The last President to pay such a visit was Dr Theodor Heuss in 1958.

France pays tribute to M Pompidou

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, April 2

France today paid a dignified and quiet tribute to President Pompidou who died a year ago.

President Giscard d'Estaing went to Orvilliers, west of Paris, and placed a tricolour wreath on his predecessor's grave in the village cemetery. He also called on Mme Pompidou at La Maison Blanche, the house where M Pompidou liked to relax at weekends.

A Mass celebrated in the village church was attended only by members of M Pompidou's family and intimate friends, including M Chirac, the Prime Minister. A service was held at the Church of the Madeleine this evening, in the presence of members of the Government and of the Gaullist party.

The press published numerous tributes.

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10 charged with conspiring to attack Dutch palace

From Sue Masterman
The Hague, April 2

The Dutch police were aware of preparations by small groups of South Moluccans for possible aggressive attacks, according to Mr Joop den Uyl, the Prime Minister. His statement follows an announcement by the Arnhem Public Prosecutor today that 10 men had been charged with conspiracy to attack Queen Juliana's official residence, Soestdijk Palace.

The group planned to hold hostage the Queen, or another member of the royal family, in order to back up their demands for an independent Republic in the South Moluccan island group in the Pacific.

But, the Prime Minister said, the fringe group which had planned the attack must not be identified with the whole of the South Moluccan community in the Netherlands.

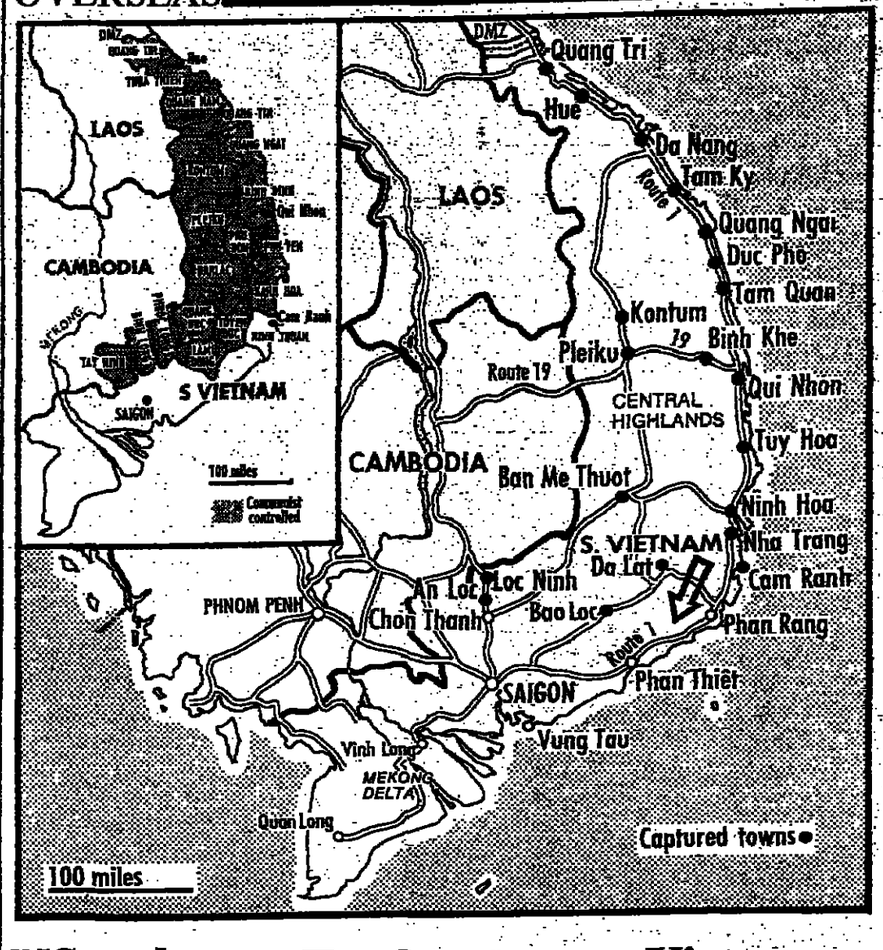
In the Hague, the city authorities have refused permission for the annual procession by the South Moluccan community on April 23, the independence day of their republic in exile. The commemorative service, attended annually by thousands of the community of 33,000, will be held; but the city authorities are to take strong security precautions.

During the last such demonstration on December 27, a fringe group broke away and attacked the Peace Palace, seat of the World Court.

The South Moluccan community consists of the soldiers, and their families, who fought on the side of the Dutch during the period between the liberation of Indonesia from the Japanese after the Second World War and its independence. They were repatriated to Holland—but were promised by the Dutch that they could return to their own independent Republic.

The South Moluccans are split into a large group of moderates and a smaller group of militants. Both have denounced the plot to kidnap the Queen.

OVERSEAS



US embassy staff quitting Phnom Penh

From Bruce Palling
Phnom Penh, April 2

The American Embassy has announced the evacuation of about 30 of its staff in the wake of the fall of the Mekong ferry town of Neak Luong to the insurgents yesterday. About 2,500 troops, together with their commanding general and 163 officers, have not been accounted for in what is one of the most serious blows to the Cambodian Army since the present offensive began last January.

Mr Robert Keeley, the embassy deputy chief of mission, denied that the fall of the ferry town—the last Government outpost before the Mekong river enters South Vietnam—was a key factor in prompting the evacuation. However, the gravity of the fall is considerable as it releases about 5,000 insurgent soldiers only 30 miles from Phnom Penh.

Foreign military sources say that these troops could be prepared to attack the Phnom Penh defence perimeter within two days, thus further tightening the noose on the besieged capital.

Mr Keeley thought that some diplomatic staff from the other embassies in Phnom Penh might also choose this as the time to leave.

Too late to save Vietnam, Mr Rockefeller says

Washington, April 2.—Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller said today that "it is really too late" for the United States to do anything to save South Vietnam.

For all practical purposes, he also said, it is too late to do anything to help most of the hundreds of thousands of refugees.

Mr Rockefeller was speaking to reporters at Andrews Air Force base after his return from the funeral of Mr Earl Brydges, the former Senate leader.

"I think it's really too late to do anything about it", he said of the situation in Indo-China. Of the refugees, he said: "They're trapped. They couldn't get out."

Asked what the next step would be, he replied: "I guess a lot of them are going to die. As for us, we go on living."

He went on: "The fact that almost the entire population tried to get away from the communists is an extraordinary indication of their belief in their freedom, of the fact they didn't want to live under a communist regime."

The Vice-President was pessimistic that any relief money now voted by Congress could alleviate the situation in any significant degree.

"It's very sad, very tragic", he said. "We've all got to pull up our socks and keep going."

He indicated that the call by the South Vietnamese Senate for the resignation of President Thieu is probably a futile gesture. "Everybody's thrashing around in a tragic situation", he commented.

Asked later in the day about Mr Rockefeller's "too late" remark, Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, replied: "I can't believe he said it."—AP and UPI.

Our Washington Correspondent writes: Dr Schlesinger, the Secretary of Defence, said today that the real test of whether a line north of Saigon could hold back the communists would come "in four weeks, or even less".

On Monday he said that the final battle for Saigon would be within a month or two and two weeks ago he predicted that North Vietnam would launch a big offensive next year.

He admitted today that South Vietnam had suffered a defeat of "historic proportions".

Mr Ron Nessen, President Ford's press secretary, said that the President had no intention of asking Congress to permit a resumption of the bombing of communist forces in Vietnam.

Dr Kissinger will fly to Palm Springs, California, tomorrow, to join Mr Ford. General Frederick Weyland, the Army Chief of Staff, is expected to return from Saigon to report to the President on the situation there.

'Unsafe' jet flies 50 orphans to America

Saigon, April 2.—An independent charter airline today flew more than 50 orphans out of Saigon to new homes in the United States. The original plan of the airline, World Airways, to evacuate 458 orphans was cancelled because the DC8 cargo jet used was judged unsafe.

The airline had planned to fly the 458 orphans, sponsored by the American-based Friends of All Children organization, to Australia and then on to Europe and the United States for adoption. The evacuation was called off when American officials said the aircraft was unsafe because it lacked seats.

Mr Edward Daly, president of World Airways, said the DC8, which had just been taken off the Saigon to Phnom Penh rice airlift, was completely safe. It had been converted to handle children by adding mattresses, blankets and safety webbing.

When Friends of All Children decided not to put their children on the aircraft another American organization asked World Airways to take their children out and the airline agreed. Thirteen adults were with the 50 orphans bound for Denver via Honolulu.—UPI.

Our New York Correspondent writes: Officials of the Agency for International Development (AID) said in Washington today that the World Airways aircraft was quite unsuitable for carrying young children. It had no seats, no toilets and no safety belts.

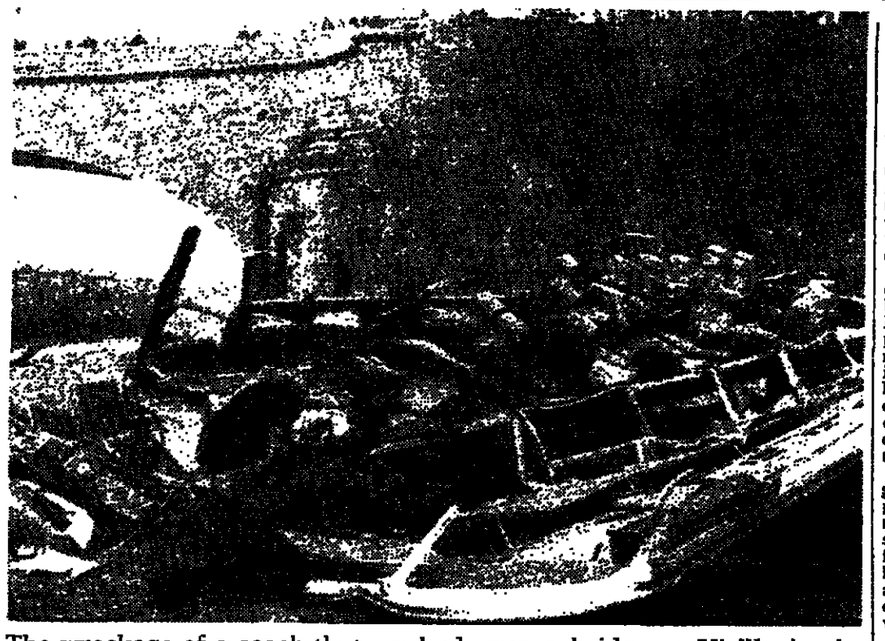
The decision not to use it had been made jointly, they added, by the voluntary agencies involved and by officials of the United States Federal Aviation Agency, the Saigon airport, the American Embassy and AID. A search was now under way for an alternative aircraft.

Some of the children, the officials added, were less than two years old, and were in a weakened condition. The flight from South Vietnam to the United States would take 24 hours and it would be next to impossible to do it in an aircraft like the World Airways one.

Canberra, April 2—Australia will provide military aircraft to bring South Vietnamese orphans to Australia and also contribute another $A1m (£562,000) in refugee aid, Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister, announced tonight.

The airlift would be for orphans for whom adoption formalities had been completed in both countries and who had Australian parents ready to adopt them, he said.

An earlier proposal by Mr Lance Barnard, Defence Minister, and Mr Clyde Cameron, Labour and Immigration Minister, was rejected by Mr Whitlam, because it was not clear whether the orphans had homes to go to, a Government spokesman said.—Reuter.



The wreckage of a coach that crashed over a bridge at Vizille in the French Alps yesterday killing 27 elderly passengers.

Labour warning on loss of sovereignty

By Our Political Staff

Membership of the European Community would deprive the British people of crucial elements of national sovereignty which they need to make fundamental economic and social changes.

This is one of the conclusions of a pamphlet published today by the independent Labour Research Department. The pamphlet sets out the far-reaching consequences of staying inside a regional trading block, which, it argues, would deprive the British Government of the powers they need to control the pattern of foreign trade.

It also argues that "any government wishing to extend public ownership and advance towards economic planning and socialism, cannot leave its foreign trade to be determined by market forces and the EEC authorities. It must be able to enter into trading agreements with other countries."

On this basis, the pamphlet says that Britain cannot plan its foreign trade so long as it stays inside the EEC.

The document sets out to show that the Treaty of Rome is founded on the principle that the course of events is to be decided by competition. The treaty assumes the existence of capitalism.

The Common Market In or Out? (Labour Research Department, 20p).

London inquiry centre opens

The Referendum Information Unit, set up to answer questions about the European Community and government policy towards Europe, opens for business today at 70 Whitehall, London SW1A 2AS. The telephone number is 01-930 3121.

Tax-free campaign gifts attacked

By a Staff Reporter

Organizers of the Get Britain Out campaign yesterday asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer to end what they called the scandal of company contributions to the European movement being treated as allowable business expenses

Mr Christopher Frere-Smith, chairman of the campaign's executive committee, said in London that the European movement was promising a large number of companies that any contribution would not be exposed and need not be declared as a political contribution.

"After taking legal advice, we are satisfied this is contrary to the spirit and letter of the law". Mr Frere-Smith said. "We want to know on whose authority this undertaking has been given.

"It is essential that the public should know who is supporting the movement to keep Britain within the Community."

Mr Richard Body, Conservative MP for Holland with Boston, and joint chairman of the campaign's council, said: "Our organization believes in total disclosure, and we are going to be frank with the public and explain where our money is coming from.

"I challenge Mr Roy Jenkins, the Home Secretary [president of Keep Britain in Europe], to do the same. If it is so much that he cannot tell us, he should at least tell the public to the nearest £250,000 how much is being spent by his organization."

Mr Frere-Smith said it was a complete travesty that Mr Jenkins should be responsible for appointing the day of the referendum and for making such provision in the referendum Bill as seemed to him expedient.

Mr Daley wins sixth term as Mayor of Chicago

From Peter Strafford
New York, April 2

Mr Richard Daley has won his sixth term as Mayor of Chicago. As had been expected, he demolished the opposition and, with almost all the precincts counted, had 77 per cent of the vote.

This is the biggest vote he has had since he first became Mayor in 1955. It shows that his personal power and that of the Democratic Party machine have been little affected by the scandals of recent years. It also means that he remains a force to be reckoned with in Democratic national politics.

Mr Daley had a fight this year to win the Democratic nomination. But he emerged strongly last February from the primary and, with that behind him, had little difficulty in dealing with his two opponents in yesterday's election.

Mr John Hoellen, the Republican, had been a notoriously reluctant candidate who never made any pretence of expecting to win. He received just under 20 per cent of the vote. Miss Willie Mae Reid, of the Socialist Workers' Party, got just over 2 per cent.

Once the primary was over, Mr Daley hardly even bothered to campaign. He trusted in his own reputation in Chicago, his campaign slogan, "Good for Chicago" and the strength of the ubiquitous Democratic Party machine.

The main issue which emerged was the discovery that the intelligence section of the Chicago Police Department had been spying on a number of civic groups and individuals, among them some opponents of Mr Daley.

Connally defence plans to discredit witness

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, April 2

Prosecution and defence in the Connally bribery trial made their first statements to the jury today. Mr John Connally, former Secretary of the Treasury, is accused of accepting $10,000 (£4,160) from a milk cooperative in return for using his influence to get the support price for milk raised.

The prosecutors explained that their chief witness, Mr Jake Jacobsen, would testify that he made two separate payments of $5,000 to Mr Connally, the *first shortly after the Government*, on his urging, reversed its decision to freeze the price of milk in 1972. The second payment was made four months later, in September.

Mr Edward Bennet Williams, one of the most celebrated trial lawyers in America, said the evidence would show that Mr Jacobsen was an unreliable witness and that Mr Connally had acted with perfect propriety in recommending the increase in milk prices.

He said Mr Jacobsen had been indicted by grand juries in Texas and Washington for a variety of offences, including perjury and stock fraud, which between them carried a potential maximum prison sentence of 40 years. He had agreed to testify against Mr Connally in return for the Government dropping all but one of those charges on which the most he could expect would be two years in jail.

Mr Williams said that since *becoming Secretary of the* Treasury in February, 1971, Mr Connally had always supported farmers. A tape recording of a conversation between Mr Nixon and Mr Connally showing this would be played in court.

The chief prosecutor, Mr Jon Sale, said the Government would prove that Mr Connally solicited a gratuity

Miami inquiry in Stonehouse case

The Miami activities of Mr John Stonehouse are being investigated by two Fraud Squad detectives, Scotland Yard confirmed last night. A spokesman denied that the two officers—Detective Inspector Bob Lewis and Detective Sergeant Brian Ridley had been in Miami since last week. "Both flew there on Tuesday to continue inquiries into the affairs of Mr Stonehouse", he said.

Greek mayors' successes

From Mario Modiano
Athens, April 2

While the Greek Opposition parties are claiming a questionable political triumph over the Karamanlis Government in Sunday's local elections, the real test will come later this month when the two sides contest parliamentary seats in by-elections in six constituencies.

The final results of the municipal elections today showed that mayors were elected in 149 out of 264 cities, many of them with the support of Opposition parties. However, neither the Opposition leaders nor Government officials were in a position to evaluate the gains in terms of percentage. Several new mayors were known to have scored impressive victories on their own merits, while others were politically independent.

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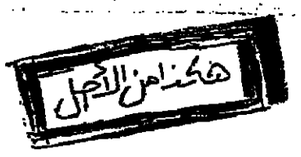
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Mr Vorster makes a last-ditch plea to black Africa to work with him to achieve peaceful coexistence

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, April 2

The efforts to achieve détente between black and white governments in Africa appear now to be on the verge of total collapse, after the Rhodesian decision today upholding the detention of the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole.

Next week foreign ministers of the Organization of African Unity meet in Dar es Salaam to review the OAU's policy in southern Africa. The choice will be, in essence, between backing peaceful efforts to bring about change or backing armed struggle as the only realistic means of doing so.

In a sober speech last night, Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, warned South Africans that they would have to face setbacks to the détente exercise, although he expected realism to triumph.

Mr Vorster was clearly making a last-ditch effort to influence the black African states to choose the peaceful alternative, but at the same time preparing his electorate for what could be undisguisable signs of the failure of his efforts to promote peaceful coexistence on the continent.

The OAU meeting would have to decide, said Mr Vorster, "which road to take—peace and cooperation or escalating confrontations".

Everything that could be done to show South Africa's good will had been done, he maintained. "I now leave the decision in the hands of the African leaders."

If the decision went against South Africa, he would have a clear conscience that he had done everything he could.

Speaking almost exactly six months after his promise of "startling developments" in Africa within such a period, Mr Vorster maintained that bridges had been built between the Republic and Black Africa of which many would remain even if the Dar es Salaam talks went against South Africa. His Government's offers of friendship did not arise from a position of fear or weakness and South Africa had to be accepted as it was, he said.

"I do not have one story for Africa and another for the home front", said Mr Vorster.

He foresaw the closest economic cooperation in Africa between politically independent countries when technical aid would be given and received without countries being prescribed to or meddling in each other's affairs.

Mr Vorster said that in his travels through Africa he had found individual African leaders who were only too willing to normalize relations with South Africa "if only they were allowed to".

The Prime Minister's reference to his travels in Africa presumably referred to his recent visit to Liberia. He has travelled hardly at all outside of South Africa and the visit to Liberia is the only one he has confirmed making into black Africa.

This turn of phrase however is indicative of Mr Vorster's increasing practice of identifying himself and the Republic with the African continent rather than Europe.

Johannesburg, April 2.—Mr Melvin Laird, the former United States Defence Secretary, last night praised South Africa for its current efforts at détente. These moves could eventually lead the United States Government towards reviewing its policy of embargo on arms sales to South Africa, he added.

Mr Laird, whose visit to South Africa is of a purely private nature, told reporters that the United States was "watching your forward policies with a great deal of interest".—Agence France-Presse.



Mr Takeo Miki (right), the Japanese Prime Minister, dozes off during a meeting of the parliamentary budget committee in Tokyo, much to the embarrassment of his associates. They woke him up.

Israelis determined to resist US pressure

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, April 2

If an attempt is made to renew American mediation in the Middle East Israel will not alter its stand, Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, indicated in a broadcast over the Israel Army radio today. He recalled that Egypt had rejected all three proposals made by Israel to Dr Kissinger and said he saw no reason to deviate "even one iota" from these positions.

Mr Rabin was making his second broadcast on successive days concerning the failure of the Kissinger mission. He evidently wants to make it clear that no amount of pressure will budge his Government from a position which he regards as having reached the limits of flexibility.

The Prime Minister did not appear over enthusiastic about a possible resumption of the Kissinger mission. He said Israel did not bring about the suspension of the talks and "there might be other, more suitable, ways to proceed".

The experience gained during Dr Kissinger's mission had led him to believe that the absence of direct contacts between Egypt and Israel had led to misunderstandings.

On the present reassessment of policy going on in Washington, for which American ambassadors in Middle East capitals have been summoned home, the Prime Minister said he believed that the Americans would respect the fact that their friend in the Middle East is independent both in its decisions and in its readiness to bear the consequences of these decisions.

He saw no parallel between United States relations with Israel and with South-east Asia. He found it difficult to believe that Congress which faithfully reflected the American people's attitude to Israel would withhold aid.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: In a BBC television interview last night, Mr Rabin said Israel was ready to return to the Geneva conference but would not be willing to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization separately.

Asked if he would object if representatives of the PLO were included in the Syrian delegation, Mr Rabin did not reject the proposition but replied that Israel's policy was to negotiate with the four Arab countries bordering Israel, not the PLO. "They are not a partner for negotiation from Israel's point of view."

Although Israel was willing to go back to Geneva, Mr Rabin doubted whether the conference would prove beneficial. If the plenary session failed, and enough countries believed that the best way to solve the Arab-Israel conflict was by peaceful means, many other ways would be found.

Kuwait, April 2.—Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said today that Dr Kissinger's peace-mission had stopped, adding: "But I don't want to say that it has failed".

He said a concerted effort was required to protect the resolutions of the Rabat Arab summit conference, which declared the PLO the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Close UN watch on Cyprus truce

From Our Correspondent
Nicosia, April 2

The United Nations peace force in Cyprus announced today it was maintaining close liaison with both the Greek Cypriot National Guard and the Turkish forces in Cyprus, urging utmost restraint on both sides to maintain the ceasefire. The United Nations spokesman in Cyprus, Mr George Yacoub, made this statement in the wake of the intense outbreak of firing between the two sides in Nicosia on Monday night.

Mr Yacoub reiterated that United Nations observers had established that the firing had been started by the Greek Cypriot National Guard troops, to develop "into the most serious violation of the cease-fire in the past eight months—a two and a half hours intense firing along several miles of the confrontation line".

The statement claimed that this exchange of fire "lacked any particular importance". It added that it was apparently due to a misunderstanding as a result of the firing of "some aimless shots in the town by irresponsible persons" celebrating Eoka day, the anniversary of the launching of the Greek Cypriot underground's campaign 20 years ago, which is traditionally celebrated on the night of April 1.

The Canadian officer of the United Nations peace force killed apparently by a stray bullet during the Monday night exchange of fire has been officially identified as Captain Ian Patten, aged 29, of 1 Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Canadians worried by labour turmoil

From John Best
Ottawa, April 2

Canada, no less than Britain, is a country badly in need of a workable social contract.

In the past year or so, the nation has suffered a seemingly endless series of labour disputes that have made some thoughtful Canadians start to wonder about the strength of the national economic and social fabric.

Last year Canada had the second-worst strike record in the industrialized world—after Italy. It lost 10 million man-days from strikes, and the turmoil has continued into 1975.

Most of the trouble has been in the public service sector recently, and it has produced demands that the right of civil servants to strike, granted by Parliament in 1967, be rescinded. The Government has made clear it has no intention of acceding to these demands.

Last week, a strike by thousands of federal blue-collar workers was settled after disrupting postal, airport and a variety of other public services for more than a month.

The settlement provided for a 28½ per cent wage increase over 26 months, plus a $600 ($250) lump-sum payment to each worker instead of back-pay. The average pay before the strike was $4.42 an hour.

While the industrial relations climate has been growing more troubled, settlements are at or near record levels, running at about double the United States rate. Economic analysts are worried about the possible effect of continuing high wage increases on an economy that has been at zero growth since well back into last year.

The Liberal Government of Mr Pierre Trudeau, which won last summer's general election by opposing the wage-and-price freeze proposals of Mr Robert Stanfield, the Conservative leader, is now busy trying to reach an agreement between labour, business and Government for curbing excessive demands on the economy.

Egypt discusses Geneva agenda with Arabs

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, April 2

Egypt has begun intensive consultations with Arab states after its formal request to the United States and the Soviet Union to reconvene the Geneva Middle East conference.

Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Foreign Minister, who conveyed the request to the ambassadors of the two powers in Cairo, told reporters that the agenda of the Geneva discussions would be drawn up in coordination with Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians.

The call to hold the conference took place after the failure of the last mediation efforts of Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State. Dr Kamal Abdul Majd, the Egyptian Information Minister, stated last night that Israel's "intransigence and inflexibility" had aborted the Kissinger mission.

He acknowledged that Egypt also was partially responsible for the negative outcome of the talks because, through its commitment to the Arab cause, it had rejected Israel's demand for a non-belligerency pledge; but he asked: "A pledge against what, against the recovery of a trifle of land on one front (Sinai)?"

Mr Fahmi said Egypt favoured the participation of Britain, France and any non-aligned power at the Geneva talks to avoid polarization between the United States and the Soviet Union, the co-chairmen of the conference.

The suggestion is seen by observers in Cairo as a further indication of Egypt's eagerness that West Europe should take part in drawing up the final Middle East settlement.

Observers also believed that Egypt's call for the Geneva meeting was another proof of its desire to explore every avenue in the search for a just peace. Mr Fahmi has challenged Israel to face its responsibilities and sit at the conference table.

No date has yet been set for the Geneva meeting but informed sources said preparations were not expected to be completed in less than one month. Officials in Cairo said that in pursuing its strategy Egypt would ignore "campaigns of slander and insults" directed by other Arab quarters, particularly Libya.

Sithole failure to order ceasefire

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total of 38 people, including 32 unarmed tribesmen, had been killed by guerrillas since the ceasefire announced on December 11. He added that the court placed "as much value on the life of a humble tribesman as it does on the lives of prominent politicians".

While it was possible to understand, without approving, operations against the security forces, the pitiless and wanton murders of unarmed black tribesmen was so cowardly and fiendish as to defeat the understanding of the ordinary decent man.

"No wonder that to conceal its true activities this organization (Zanu) and its official publication (*Zimbabwe News*) have found it necessary to give a wholly fictitious report on its activities in Rhodesia."

The judge said that the December edition of *Zimbabwe News* asserted that more than 1,000 Rhodesian troops had been killed by guerrillas since December, 1972, and that Zanu had taken administrative control of more than 20,000 square miles of Rhodesia. During a recent visit which he and other judges made to the north-eastern border area, the guerrillas were conspicuous by their absence.

While the ludicrous claim offered a little light relief, it showed that the guerrillas dared not tell the world the truth about their activities in Rhodesia.

The judge asked what would the organizations which directly or indirectly supported terrorism in Rhodesia do and say if they knew that the main victims were not whites but black tribesmen, and that for every white civilian killed by guerrillas 30 blacks were murdered.

"It is just possible that at long last news of this has percolated to Lusaka at least and that recent events there are not unconnected with this happening." The judge apparently was referring to the recent arrest in Zambia of leading Zanu officials and the banning in Zambia of all nationalist groups except the ANC, which is the only legal one in Rhodesia.

Expanding his reasons for finding that Mr Sithole's detention was fully warranted, the judge said the Zanu leader had failed to answer the serious allegations about terrorism. He was president of Zanu and commander-in-chief of its military wing. He had failed to order a ceasefire or an end to guerrilla atrocities when he visited Zambia last December; and again in February, he had asserted that Zanu had never agreed to a ceasefire and in press interviews had supported the line that negotiations would be unlikely to serve any useful purpose.

Dr Edson Sithole, the ANC publicity secretary, said after the judgment that the council had bound itself not to negotiate on settlement so long as Mr Sithole was in jail. No one in the ANC who intended to remain a nationalist could alter this.

The Government had cheated not only the ANC but also the Presidents of Zambia, Tanzania and Botswana in giving a picture of the desire to reach an agreement with African nationalists while in reality it would like their complete capitulation to white domination for the unforseeable future.

Under the laws by which he has been detained, Mr Sithole has the right to appeal periodically for his detention to be reconsidered by the permanent review tribunal chaired by Mr Justice Davies. While in detention before, Mr Sithole never once asked for his case to be reviewed. It is unlikely that criminal charges will now be laid against him.

Despite the pessimistic note taken by Dr Sithole in his comments on the findings of the Macdonald tribunal, there is every indication that the Rhodesian Government and the ANC might well get together in the near future and restart talks about a constitutional settlement.

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Rush to meet canal deadline

Ismailia, April 2.—The Suez Canal Authority, presented by President Sadat with a two-month deadline to reopen the waterway to international shipping, was today planning how to overcome a pilot shortage and replace obsolete equipment in time.

President Sadat said on Saturday that the canal would be reopened on June 5, the eighth anniversary of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. "It is a critical date which took us by surprise, but we have to do our best", a senior official said.

The 10-storey white-washed Authority building, deserted for the past eight years, is now buzzing with activity. Control towers are testing their equipment and the efficiency of shore communication networks is being tried out on phantom convoys.

Captain A. Hamza, the chief pilot, said he needed 240 pilots of previous experience in Suez Canal piloting. He is now about 100 pilots short.—Reuter.

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In brief

Mercury photos 'almost disaster'

Tucson, Arizona, April 2.—Photographic results of the Mariner 10's third encounter with the planet Mercury were "a kind of disaster", according to Professor Robert Strom, one of three scientists analysing the pictures here.

In 500 photographs, 75 per cent of the image did not appear, he said. The fault lay with a receiver at a tracking station, but overall, Professor Strom added, the encounter itself was "a big bonus".

Indian fast to death

Delhi, April 2.—Mr Morarji Desai, India's former Deputy Prime Minister, announced today that he will fast unto death from next Monday unless elections are called in his home state of Gujarat. He is 80.

Reuter man expelled

Addis Ababa, April 2.—The military Government today expelled Mr Bernard Debusmann, Reuters correspondent here because of what it called his "repeated malicious and distorted stories on Ethiopia".

Cairo frees plotters

Cairo, April 2.—Two men serving life sentences for plotting to assassinate President Nasser of Egypt in 1966 have been freed on the orders of President Sadat, reliable sources said today.

Kurdish HQ seized

Baghdad, April 2.—Iraq Government forces today entered the abandoned Kurdish rebel headquarters of Kalala in the mountains of north-eastern Iraq.

30,000 flee Ethiopia

Khartum, April 2.—More than 30,000 refugees are reported to have crossed into Sudan after the destruction of the Eritrean border town of Umm Hagar by Ethiopian troops.

Arsenic cargo moved

Lisbon, April 2.—A Finnish tanker which has been trying to find a place to dump 100 tons of toxic arsenic waste has transferred its cargo to a Danish ship in Lisbon harbour. The Danish vessel is due to leave for the Persian Gulf tomorrow.

Tokyo leftist killed

Tokyo, April 2.—A Japanese leftist was beaten to death with steel pipes in a teashop yesterday, bringing to six the number killed in recent clashes between rival radical groups.—AP.

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The fallen angel and his crowd

Oswald Mosley
By Robert Skidelsky

(Macmillan £6.95)

Michael Ratcliffe

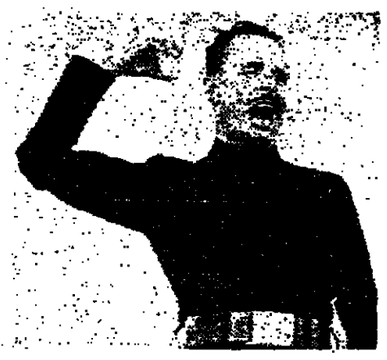
"It is reasonable to assume", wrote the subject of this superb biography in 1958, "that the American citizen will not wish American armies to go plunging forever about the mainland of Asia in order to prevent by force the spread of the communist doctrine among Eastern peoples." Correct. Twenty years earlier, he had opposed British entry into the Second World War on the grounds that it could only be won by the Russians and the Americans, would lead to the division of Europe and the disintegration of the British Empire. Right again. In two important respects Robert Skidelsky confirms the received view of Britain's "lost leader" and unfavourite son: while Sir Oswald Mosley's powers of diagnosis were formidably far-sighted, some of his prescriptions were not only unacceptable, but seem to suggest a lesser political intelligence entirely.

We read *Oswald Mosley* with mingled admiration and dismay. "Hold Europe, leave Asia": we can see now that Britain and the United States should have found a way to do that 40 years ago. But how? Mosley insisted that in the thirties this definition of priorities required an accommodation with Nazi Germany and in the fifties a Europe to include the whole of Africa in an expanding mercantile relationship to the rich advantage of both continents. In the case of Hitler, Mosley consistently misread the British mood; in Mau-Mau Africa, his revival of Edwardian "Birminghamism" came 60 years too late. The man still believed by friends and enemies alike to have been the most gifted British political leader of the twentieth century, could be obtuse, disingenuous and naive: he knew that his positive remedies for the immediate relief of unemployment in the early thirties could not be effected without some reduction of Parliament's powers under a kind of executive dictatorship, but he never attempted to make these un-English solutions more palatable to the English electorate.

He was direct: he sold hard to an age which he (and not only he) believed had gone suicidally soft. He did nothing to discourage the military aspects of his movement, although the ruefully departing Harold Nicolson had warned him that, for the British, such things would never do. The point was not, as Mosley seemed to think, that black shirts and shiny boots brightened up the dreary lives of the working-class members—though doubtless they did—but rather that they put everybody else off so. The Notting Hill events of 1958-59 showed that, in terms of supposedly populist methods, Mosley had learned nothing: his "come-back" was a fiasco.

"The challenge of writing about Mosley", says Skidelsky, "is a challenge not of description, but of interpretation, not just of Mosley's life but of what has happened to England in the last 70 years, and of his relationship to those years." Disregarding the fact that most interesting historians, and certainly Mr Skidelsky, begin to "interpret" the moment they start to "describe", it must be said that he both justifies the wide claims for his important book, and makes his own political motivation absolutely clear. He is a Gaitskellite scholar bemused by the mediocrity of leadership and the "philosophy of small government seemingly endemic in Social Democratic administrations.

Skidelsky's contempt for the Labour Cabinet of 1929-31—in particular for MacDonald, Philip Snowden and J. H. Thomas—is fierce, and it is as much for their suffocating puritanism as for their monetary small-mindedness that he condemns them. While working on his first book—*Politicians and the Slump (1967)*—he



concluded that the only Labour politician of the time with a bold and consistently presented policy on unemployment was Mosley, the Lucifer of the social and political establishment, the fallen angel in permanent fall. *Oswald Mosley is the first intellectually sympathetic, independently researched, scholarly life.* It will be not the last, since not all the sources have been available to Mr Skidelsky, but its contribution to the history of Britain in our time cannot be over-estimated. It is splendidly readable.

Does the call for "a higher type of statesman" necessarily mean a dictator? Are consensus politics inevitably dull—as now—to the point of danger? Does an heroic technology such as Mosley advocated absolutely preclude the safety of individual liberties? Does the democratic machinery of check and consultation really prevent the important thing from being done in time? Mosley's career, and Skidelsky's account of it, pose a number of questions that remain uncomfortably without answer. One of the most disturbing discoveries arising from the Government's attempts to limit Mosley's public appearances by law was that the Englishman has apparently no statutory right to free speech *per se*.

Tackling with firmness the still contentious issue of violence in the streets, Skidelsky deduces from the impartial Metropolitan Police records that the Communists bear the greater blame because, unlike the British Union of Fascists, the CP disrupted their opponents' meetings as a matter of policy, and simply broke the law more often; more controversially, he suggests that the provocation of Jews in the East End was too often provoked by young Jews themselves. Mosley himself persists in regarding the international Jewish community as partly responsible for the escalation into war, while denying that this interpretation makes him an anti-Semite.

The great weakness of Skidelsky's book—and it is a serious one—springs from his anxiety to detach Mosley's policies and behaviour as firmly as possible from events in Germany and Italy. He does this so successfully that, like Mosley himself, he takes almost no account of their effect on British public opinion, which not only associated Mosley's Blackshirts with Nazis and Fascists from the start but still does today. That was why so few people took Mosley seriously after 1933. "The right policies, the wrong crowd": if, after reading nearly 500 pages of *Oswald Mosley*, the conventional verdict must stand, it is largely because Mr Skidelsky has concentrated informatively and convincingly on the policies and left the crowd—still more the huge European one behind it—to its ominous and unresolved self. It is a glaring omission in so finely reasoned a work.

● *Mosley's autobiography My Life (1968) has been reissued (Sanctuary Press, £4.50).*

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Hero of the Church

Memoirs
By Cardinal Mindszenty

(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £6)

As early as 1945 Cardinal Mindszenty made it clear to the Hungarian Government that his duties were not confined to the spiritual, that they encompassed every aspect of the nation's social and political life. Traditionally, he writes, the Primate "held the foremost place among the dignitaries of the State as well as the Church". It was his right to advise the King and to rebuke him for any violation of the law. Mindszenty believed that he could and should continue this tradition, in spite of his country's occupation by the Red Army and Stalin's determination to have Hungary governed along Soviet lines.

So in a telegram to the Prime Minister he deliberately described himself as "the highest constitutional authority of the country". He refused to render unto Ceasar. Of course the crunch had to come. The wonder is only that it took as long as three years.

Mindszenty was arrested and within a month the torturers had broken him. The Hungarian faithful were then treated to the news that their Cardinal, the man whose traditional job it was to place the crown of St Stephen on the King's head, had committed absurd crimes like currency speculation and treason. This book brings out well the humiliation and the sheer evil of the story. Sadly, though, these have had their effect on the writer, for the book also shows a fixed attitude to moral questions and a rigidity of thought which many educated people in the West will question.

The Cardinal seems to show a desire to forbid anti-religious ideas, rather than to defeat them by reason or the inspiration of faith. For instance, his reaction to the "peace priests", collaborators with the regime, was to support the suppression of their movement and their newspaper.

All this apparently stems from his belief that godless communism inevitably follows any weakening of a nation's traditional religion. After the war there were widespread demands in Hungary, as in other countries, for genuine social reform. But the author writes: "In every social class there are compassionate people who take the side of the poor and the suffering and who desire a just social order. Such people often become unwittingly the henchmen of the communists."

Cardinal Mindszenty continues: "But the communist ideology can achieve lasting effects only where the religious foundations of a nation have been undermined so that reason, faith in God and morality do not offer sufficient resistance to such ideas. In Christian circles, marxist tenets gain a foothold only when the religion has lost its place as the determinant force in social life."

Again, many will quarrel with the Cardinal's coupling of reason and morality as similar concepts to faith in God. Even more will disagree with the conclusion he draws from these arguments, that Christianity is the one force that can oppose communism effectively. What about western parliamentary democracy? The author hardly mentions it.

He tells how his guards in prison spoke "blasphemous curses using Christ's name" and how he thought to himself, "No Hungarian mother bore you". There was something un-Hungarian too, he implies, about the young people across the road from his American Embassy refuge who "on Saturdays and Sundays danced vulgar dances to jazz music" and about the boys who shouted obscenities as they played football.

But while many such passages show the bitterness of a man who has been ill-treated, others show the love and compassion of a man of deep emotion. Especially moving are the descriptions of the author's mother, a peasant who fought for her son with skill and devotion throughout his imprisonment. Other pages show the strength of character that enabled him, though momentarily broken by the torture, to survive and preserve his sanity so that, when finally allowed to leave Hungary in 1971, he could be welcomed personally by the Pope as a hero of the Church.

This is the happy side of the story. But the book also shows how 26 years of isolation from his flock—eight in prison, 15 in the embassy and three in exile—have taken their toll. All this time he has been unable to work, as a priest, so perhaps it is no wonder that he sometimes seems to pine for the pre-war days when people were happy in their religious observance, that he sometimes seems to look backward rather than forward.

Most depressing of all is the book's last page, for it here becomes clear that he has been forced to quarrel with his last great loves, the Vatican and the Holy Father. Martyrdom is unpleasant, but it has its compensations. By inducing the Pope a year ago to dismiss Cardinal Mindszenty from his archbishopric, the ungodly did indeed triumph.

Nicholas Bethell

Jolly difficult

Hilary Spurling

Augustus John
Volume 2 : The Years of Experience

By Michael Holroyd
(Heinemann, £5.25)

Autobiography
By Augustus John
(Cape, £6.50)

The Seventh Child
By Romilly John
(Cape, £3.95)

One of the most fascinating aspects of the great John legend, ably propagated by its founder and now recaptured for posterity in Michael Holroyd's capacious net, is its many repercussions in song and story. There was a time when, if a model for an artist was required, Augustus John supplied it to practically everyone from Somerset Maugham to Margery Allingham, Aldous Huxley to D. H. Lawrence. He was the sculptor in Aleister Crowley's *Diary of a Drug Fiend* and the musician in *The Constant Nymph*. Even Field Marshal Montgomery's bluff dismissal was an inverted tribute, as flattering in its way as more glamorous versions of the myth: "Who is this chap? He drinks, he's dirty, and I know there are women in the background."

Drink, dirt and women were not by any means the only skeletons in John's family closet. Pink corduroy pinafores were what dogged his sons' days at school where, much as they yearned for Norfolk suits, they wore instead the gay smock-and-knickerbocker uniform familiar from their father's paintings. Mr. Holroyd's second volume is accompanied by reissues of John's own autobiography and his seventh son's, which adds, for anyone who reads all three together, an almost anthropological interest to the purely biographical or mythological: themes and patterns are here worked out in considerably more detail than would normally fall within the scope of a single human life. Chief among these is the relationship between father and son which, as John himself implies, determined the principal attributes—fecundity, flamboyance, gargantuan sexual appetite, all qualities liable to vex his highly conventional parent—of the legend which was perhaps his most magnificent, certainly his most sustained creation.

Both shy children, both dominated by tremendous fathers, John and his son reacted vigorously to tyranny at home: only, where the young Augustus was driven by a horror of conformity, the young Romilly grew like his paternal grandfather "morbidly anxious to appear respectable". Old Edwin John's reflexions on this score are not available. Even Mr Holroyd has proved unable to lay hands on the ledger in which he kept a record of Augustus's crimes but, galling though these may have been, they can scarcely have caused more pain than Romilly's reaction to the dread word "pigment", when a boy at school asked what it meant. "Instead of replying, the headmaster referred him to me, saying that John, if anybody, ought to be able to tell him, 'seeing who his father is' . . . . The evasiveness of the headmaster's reply, his dark hint about Augustus, immediately threw me into a state of the most abject terror I have experienced. The word was clearly in some way connected with our family, and meant something too frightful to reveal."

But Romilly John's book is a record of childhood and, apart from a brief, brilliant portrait in his postscript, he has no word to say on the personal and professional experience that shaped his father's life, matters on which John himself is scarcely more forthcoming. Mr Holroyd's reading of the second half of his career—as an accelerating descent into disappointment, vacillation, self-deception—makes a sombre theme, not helped in the telling by the death of John's first wife Ida, apparently the only adult member of his household who did not find its intricacies too deep for words. It is not Mr Holroyd's way to indulge in speculation; the amassing, recording and marshalling of evidence is his forte, so that the combined inarticulacy of John and his second wife Dorelia casts a distinct chill over this second volume. Even John's love-making consisted by all accounts of silent pounces, accompanied by grunts and heavy breathing; his loathing of emotion made him express none, or only the most studiously heartless reactions, on the deaths of his sons Pyramus and Henry ("one more urn for my collection", he said when entrusted with Pyramus' ashes) or for that matter his father. As for Dorelia, her rare recorded comments at the crises of her life suggest a bleakness, even bitterness, which was perhaps the price of the serenity generally agreed to be her greatest gift.

"Jolly difficult" was her response to a projected life of Augustus, and one cannot but suspect that she was right. Mr Holroyd on the whole avoids analysis of the paintings, though his account of the perils which beset John's models from the Queen downwards makes entertaining reading. But the difficulty Dorelia presumably had in mind has been if anything aggravated since her day by the candour now compulsory in biography. It would clearly be impractical to attempt the naming of all John's children (a sum total running well over three figures, according to one estimate) let alone his mistresses, but the number of veils Mr Holroyd still finds himself obliged to draw over names, dates and bedfellows makes one wonder if there is not something to be said, at any rate from the biographer's point of view, for the old convention of discretion. Impossible not to sympathize with a dilemma which leads either to an unsatisfactory coyness, or to the accepting of dares like the one with which Caitlin Thomas concludes her account of sleeping with Augustus (possibly in the nature of a quid pro quo for his introducing her to Dylan): "I hope I have been able to add a drop of at least truthful spice, no doubt unprintable, to enliven your cleaned-up, eminently respectable book . . ."

But these are minor cavils to make about Mr Holroyd's monumental mapwork, a survey unlikely to be superseded either on the broad contours or on the sheer accumulated detail of his hero's life and time. He writes with something of Augustus' own bravura and attack, and with a vigour that puts one in mind of Max Beerbohm on Bernard Shaw: "All through the book we hear the loud rhythmic machinery of [his] brain at work. The book vibrates to it, as does the steamer to the screw, and we, the passengers, rejoice in the sound of it, for we know that tremendous speed is being made."

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Daylight Must Come: The story of Dr Helen Roseveare, by Alan Burgess (*Michael Joseph*, £3.95) Extremely dramatic and poignant story of quite exceptionable courage, human endurance, and compassionate Christianity. Dr Helen Roseveare worked as a missionary in the Congo for eighteen years, setting up her hospital and medical centre in a disused leper colony in 1953. In the terrible inter-racial civil wars, 1960-64, Dr Roseveare refused to leave her work, and was herself submitted to incredible terror, humiliation, and physical outrage such as rape (especially brutal this one; a group assault by the Simbas). She witnessed many scenes of utterly bestial brutality which her biographer relates with stringent toughness. Such chapters of man's inhumanity to man, and particularly to woman, are almost unbearable to read. A totally new view of the white mercenary soldier is given here which is extraordinarily interesting. One can hardly credit that Dr Roseveare decided to return to the Congo and her work, although this sympathetic study enables one to understand how she could do so.

The Gaiety Years, by Alan Hyman (Cassell, £3.75). Between 1885 and 1890, George Edwardes invented The Gaiety Girl, replacing the bedraggled drabs of burlesque with stately handsome young women many of whom were to inject new genes into Britain's top families (the actressocracy, some wag called them). But Edwardes didn't only have an eye for a Girl, but for costume and stage design; and an instinct for the musical play—a form of entertainment he virtually originated, and from which he made a fortune at Daly's and the new Gaiety in a line of successes from *The Shop Girl* to *The Merry Widow*. Without quite making up his mind whether his book is a biography or a theatrical miscellany, Mr Hyman tells Edwardes's story with enthusiasm, is amusing about many of his contemporaries (including Irving and Tree), and repeats a lot of good if familiar anecdotes. A little more detail about Edwardes's finances would not have come amiss.

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Fiction

Celestial Navigation
By Anne Tyler
(Chatto & Windus, £3)

The Eye of the Beholder
By Philip Glazebrook
(Gollancz, £3.50)

If every good story has a moral, that of *Celestial Navigation* may be that the meek shall inherit the earth. But then, of course, it depends on what you mean by "the earth." Jeremy Pauling is meek, mild and submissive. But meek also means self-knowing. His family—sharp spinster sister, fecund wife, and the curious selection of lodgers in his tatty boarding house—may think they know him but their knowledge is limited and biased. Only Jeremy understands how and why he is ineffectual, woman-dominated, one of those many human beings who walk this world fearful of looking over their shoulders because of the dreadful fiends who tread so close behind them. Fiends, real and imaginary, cluster about poor Jeremy. He is a child. But many children are equipped with intellectual curiosity, self-confidence, trust, vitality. This, to his amazement, is what his own children are like. He retreats from them, and the clutter of their lives, the shoes, nappies, bottles, toys, as he retreated while his possessive mother was alive, into the attic. In those days, before Mary moved into the lodging house and took him over, he tried to be a painter, and failed.

Initially, at least, Mary brings love and physical security and, sheltered by these, he can work, taking the everyday objects which silt up around him and building them into collages and sculptures. He is successful and Anne Tyler, succeeds, too, in conveying a real idea of his art. But, far more significantly, she indicates how it came about.

The opening section, written by the impatient, dominating elder sister, is masterly, and though time and viewpoints alter as other narrators take over, Miss Tyler never loses her control. She writes with virtuosity and perfect confidence, insight and compassion. Jeremy is a memorable creation in a rich, revelatory novel.

"It might be a mere dream that he saw; the imagery of a melancholick fancy such as men mistake for reality."

An evocative quotation (from Atterbury) with which to preface Philip Glazebrook's *The Eye of the Beholder*. Are we being led from it into worlds of shifting, beautiful visions, shadows and illuminations, illusions and appearances? Or merely into another of those fashionable, and sterile Chinese puzzles?

It is worth reading on to discover that the book is a slightly uneasy amalgam of both, but Mr Glazebrook has a vivid imagination, and the power to conjure up magical, real/unreal scenes, which reminded me frequently of those in Iris Murdoch.

So one can ignore, or excuse, the bits of trickery. In any case, they're good tricks, well performed. The "beholder" of the title is a patient, observant diplomatic lackey, Ned, who plods through his job, and has suffered all his life from the quixotic behaviour of his cousin George. George already has him in thrall. Now enter Amy, a witch-figure, duplicious, lovely and ugly by turns, without heart or conscience, but with just enough common humanity mixed into her to give her some capacity for unhappiness.

The novel shifts backwards in time to the cousins' childhood when George murdered (or did he?) his twin brother, and inherited the family estate; then it moves forwards, through the Italian summer heat, up to Mexico City, out to the Caribbean, back, to a ferocious, frozen winter in remotest Scotland.

The Darkness of the Morning, by Gordon Parker (Bachman & Turner, £3.75). All the world loves a disaster. The crowds hovering around ambulances, fire engines, lifeboats are fascinating because their motives are so mixed and both more comprehensible and deep seated than many of us would care to admit. I have long felt drawn, imaginatively at least, towards catastrophes, and so I was greatly absorbed in Mr Parker's novel, a fictional account of the human background to the great 19th century pit disaster at Hartley Colliery. That accident, and its appalling aftermath form the high conclusion of the book, and the historical and factual reconstruction is, as far as I know, accurate.

His insight into the minds of workers, like the fumbling, woman-fearing, passionately articulate Daniel Simpson, and of a master like the greedy, neurotic Percy Lovat, is keen. But human behaviour, and the layers of motives underlying it, like the seams of coal, are less easily picked out and explained away than he would sometimes have us believe.

I have, I'm afraid, a stronger complaint than that. Certainly what many a contemporary novel needs is "more matter with less art". Mr Parker has the matter, all right, he has something to say and he says it with passion, but he does not say it well. He had an unformed, graceless style, he uses cliché after cliché, his choice of adjective and adverb is always so obvious, so unadventurous, so that there is no illumination upon the surface of the book. Perhaps all he needs to do is widen his reading of the world's great novelists and poets. If he soaks himself in them, and then rejects the first descriptive phrase that comes to his own mind, then his "art" will develop naturally. When it does, he will be, I hope, a very good writer indeed.

Susan Hill

Paperbacks

Three novels in three styles, all excellent. Somerset Maugham's *The Moon and Sixpence* (Pan, 40p) was first published in 1916, but reads as well today as it ever did. The story is a well-known one of a man breaking with his past life in a compulsion to become an artist. Clearly based on Gauguin, Maugham's Charles Strickland is an odious man, but a genius. No quarter offered by the author to his unpleasant central character, but the stress involved in artistic creation is, on the other hand, sympathetically presented.

Jaws, by Peter Benchley (Pan, 60p) has a cast of characters drawn straight from a summer stock company for a small American holiday resort—decent cop with tiresome wife, genial newspaper editor, rascally property owner and so on, but the story itself is a real gripper, with shock after shock—of a great, white man-eating shark, which panics the town, and is pursued with touches of the Moby Dick syndrome.

A novel in Iris Murdoch's most teasing vein is The Black Prince (Penguin, 70p)—apparently written by Bradley Pearson, as a "fable". He is a retired tax man, would be lover, and murderer. Or did all these things take place? The frightful cover and blurb—"A perverse pleasure to read"—should provide Miss Murdoch with some odd new admirers.

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Football

Derby emerge through mud as favourites for the championship

By Gerry Harrison

Like a mob of long-distance runners in a final, frenzied sprint, half a dozen first division clubs hurtle towards the championship finishing line. And just to make this race a dash more interesting the course is along a mined clifftop. Casualties are spectacular, notably Burnley who have blown up and Sheffield United who have disappeared from view, shouting.

Easter, they had been telling us knowingly since Christmas, would sort things out. Yet after the uneven holiday programme spread over eight days we are left with Ipswich, Everton and Derby County level on points at the top; Liverpool and Stoke only a point behind them; and Middlesbrough, slogging along doggedly three points from the summit, making noises about having to play two of the clubs above them.

Through the dust and mud Derby County have emerged as the favourites. With three victories in the space of four days they have made up leeway on the others. Of their remaining five games three are at home and, as manager David Mackay claims: "The other sides are all looking for our results now. It is in our hands. Our approach for the last few matches has been that if we win the next game we will win the championship . . . and the next, and the next. We will certainly go for a win at Middlesbrough on Saturday. And we also have players queueing up to get into the side."

Although Powell was injured against Manchester City and is almost certain to miss the game at Ayresome Park there is distinction among Derby's reserve strength. Newton is Powell's obvious replacement and both McFarland and Lee are now fully fit.

Everton, a contrast in style and expression, are, according to Mr Mackay, Derby's fiercest competitors. Mr Bingham, the manager, is saying nothing about Everton's championship chances which received a blow over Easter from the defeat at Carlisle, and were revived by victory over Coventry. Their task tomorrow night at Goodison Park against Burnley could now be much easier since Burnley have disintegrated, mainly through injuries, and lost all three holiday matches. Thereafter Everton must play three of their last four fixtures away from home. The draw specialists now need a run of victories to lead the field at the post.

Ipswich have had a remarkable Easter, not so much because they took five points from three games but more because they did it without a handful of key players. Tremendous resilience and a new brand of character have not been the only rewards of six hard games in eleven days. The Cup and League double is now officially within their grasp. Significantly and perhaps ominously from West Ham's point of view, the injured warriors are fighting their way back to the front line. Beattie and Lambert played against Birmingham, Talbot completed his suspension and Johnson claims he will be fit for the Villa Park semi-final. But of their four remaining League games the two away from Portman Road are nobody's idea of an afternoon off, Manchester City and Leeds.

Stoke City have a growing band of admirers and backers as well as a programme of distinct possibilities, two at home, two away. Undefeated though not unruffled over the holiday, they can still stay involved right to the end although none of their seriously injured players will play again this season. Their captain, Greenhoff, admits, however, that "Derby will have to slip up if we are going to win it."

It is strange to hear a Liverpool player say, as Emlyn Hughes did after defeat at Stoke on Monday, that "unless we win at Leeds on Saturday we have had it". Bill Shankly never gave up until mid-June but you can see Hughes's point. They could finish second and still call it a bad season. Middlesbrough, one victory, one draw over Easter, have three away matches in the Midlands and two attractive home games against Derby and Liverpool. We will just have to take the word of their manager, Jack Charlton, who has said for some time that his side has no chance. Sheffield United with two draws and one defeat have toppled over the edge and their last cries were of rough treatment at Highbury.

It could all be resolved sooner than expected. Rearranged fixtures could mean games for Derby, Everton and Ipswich next Wednesday night. Derby will definitely play Wolverhampton Wanderers and Everton will go to Luton. Ipswich will travel to Manchester City only if both cup semi-finals produce clearcut results or it could all finish as a sliderule championship. Ipswich and Everton are at the moment separated by goal averages of 1.487 and 1.428 respectively. Mathematical calculations, it appears, are increasingly important in other areas of the game. Patrons at the Baseball Ground were informed in the Manchester City match programme that "a good soccer pitch should contain 75 per cent of its mineral particles in the fine to medium sand grains of 0.1 to 0.6 of a millimetre in diameter". Derby devotees are well pleased by the fact that their mudheap has dried out, which is much to the liking of their players and spectators alike.



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Remaining matches for leaders

IPSWICH: Home: Queen's Park Rangers, West Ham. Away: Manchester City, Leeds.

EVERTON: Home: Burnley, Sheffield United. Away: Luton, Newcastle, Chelsea.

DERBY COUNTY: Home: Wolverhampton, West Ham, Carlisle. Away: Middlesbrough, Leicester.

LIVERPOOL: Home: Carlisle, Queen's Park Rangers. Away: Leeds United, Middlesbrough.

STOKE CITY: Home: Chelsea, Newcastle. Away: Sheffield United, Burnley.

MIDDLESBROUGH: Home: Derby County, Liverpool. Away: Leicester, Wolverhampton, Coventry.

BURNLEY: Home: Tottenham, Stoke. Away: Everton, Manchester City.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	38	21	4	13	58	39	46
Everton	37	15	16	6	50	35	46
Derby Co	37	19	8	10	64	48	46
Liverpool	38	17	11	10	53	37	45
Stoke	38	16	13	9	61	46	45
Middlesbro	37	16	11	10	50	36	43
Burnley	38	16	9	13	64	62	41
Sheffield U	37	15	11	11	48	48	41
Leeds Utd	37	14	12	11	50	40	40
Man City	38	16	8	14	49	52	40
QP Rangers	38	15	9	14	50	49	39
West Ham	38	12	13	13	55	52	37
Wolves	37	13	10	14	54	49	36
Newcastle	37	14	8	15	55	64	36
Birmingham	38	13	8	17	50	55	34
Coventry	37	10	14	13	48	57	34
Arsenal	36	11	10	15	42	43	32
Leicester	37	10	11	16	41	53	31
Chelsea	37	9	13	15	40	64	31
Tottenham	37	10	8	19	42	56	28
Luton	37	8	10	19	36	60	26
Carlisle	38	11	3	24	42	57	25

Clubs may have to put up fine mesh missile barriers

Fine mesh goal nets, capable of stopping all but the smallest missiles, may soon be recommended to all Football League clubs by the Football Association. Everton erected such nets soon after the Tottenham goalkeeper, Pat Jennings, was hit by a bottle thrown from the crowd and this action helped save them from punishment when an FA disciplinary commission visited Goodison Park yesterday. Everton officials breathed a sigh of relief when the commission decided to take no action over the Tottenham incident and another incident of crowd misconduct.

The FA secretary, Ted Croker, and the three-man commission spent half an hour inspecting the ground and a further hour talking with a local police chief before deciding that Everton had taken "all reasonable precautions in accordance with FA rule 38A". They saw the nets and heard about a police spotter system now in operation at the ground. They were also impressed by the surrounding wall and the spectator-free area behind the goals.

Mr Croker said: "The retaining wall around the pitch is very effective. It is high and sheer with no footholds. The space behind the goal has also been of considerable help. Last summer we were emphatic about surrounding walls. Clubs were told that if they did not accept our recommendations and later had crowd trouble it might well be held that they had not taken all reasonable precautions. Now there is a possibility that we may make such a recommendation regarding the thin mesh net.

"We are not likely however to order the use of such nets, only recommend them." Mr Croker said that Merseyside had a very good record of crowd conduct and that the vast majority were very keen football supporters in the truest sense. "I can't stress too much that the players have an enormous responsibility to try to keep their cool whatever the situation."

The commission, headed by the chairman, Vernon Stokes, had originally met in London in February to investigate the incidents in which first an Altrincham goalkeeper, Peter Eales, had been hit by a cider flagon and a few weeks later Jennings had been hit by a bottle.

Fulham are the last to suffer from injuries

Injuries have now caused problems for all four teams in the semi-final round of the FA Cup. Yesterday Fulham became the latest and last to suffer. However, despite the setbacks, it seems as though the teams will be at full strength.

Mullery, who has played in all of Fulham's matches this season, and Busby, who has scored in every round of the Cup except the last at Carlisle, both missed training yesterday. But they are expected to train today and be fit for the match against Birmingham City at Hillsborough on Saturday.

Birmingham City have taken 19 players to Lilleshall to prepare for the game. They include Kendall, who came through a five-a-side practice match this morning without any ill effects after missing three games with a groin strain.

Latchford and Francis, who have been out through injury, were also declared fit, although the team will not be named until the morning of the match.

West Ham United hope to be at full strength for their semi-final with Ipswich Town at Villa Park. Bonds (gashed knee), Lampard (calf), Paddon and Jennings (ankle) and Robson (thigh) missed the game at Leicester on Tuesday, but they are all back in training.

The biggest doubt for Ipswich Town is their full back George Burley. He injured an ankle against Chelsea on Monday and is still under intensive treatment. However, Johnson, who has not played since straining a hamstring in the Cup against Leeds United last Thursday, is training again and should be fit.

Both Beattie and Lambert returned successfully in the win over Birmingham City on Tuesday, so the team should be at full strength.

Leeds United, who meet Barcelona in the European Cup semi-final round first leg next week, have more problems than most. Six players are doubtful for their home game with Liverpool on Saturday. Giles and Madeley have leg strains, Clarke has pulled a hamstring, Jordan and Bremner have calf strains and Reaney has strained a hamstring.

All the injuries occurred in Leeds United's hectic programme of six matches in 11 days.

New measures to reduce violence on the field

Monte Carlo, April 2.—A series of measures to reduce violence in football both on and off the field was proposed today. A hundred participants (officials, managers, referees and players) spent three days in conference discussing the causes of and the possible remedies for violence.

The proposed changes in the rules include a 10-minute expulsion of players who commit serious fouls which do not warrant sending off, or who are guilty of wilful time-wasting; no off-side for free-kicks; extending the penalty area where fouls would be penalized with free-kicks and the defending team would be forbidden to form a wall; the widening of the goal.

The first two rules have been tried out during a junior European Nations Cup last year. The system of temporary expulsion has met with almost unanimous support, but the proposal to eliminate offside for free-kicks has brought considerable criticism.

It has been said that it may create a difficult situation for the referee, as many attacking players may crowd around the goalmouth, obstructing the goalkeeper. A possible solution might be to prevent all players from entering the six-yard area in such situations.—UPI.

Home Scots in majority

By John Downie

When announcing Scotland's party of 34 for full and under-23 internationals against Sweden in Gothenburg on Wednesday, April 16, Mr Walker, assistant secretary of the Scottish Football Association, apologized for the absence of the team manager, Mr Ormond, who, he said, was unwell.

This was scarcely surprising. Mr Ormond has had to form two international parties while the commitment of English clubs denied him the services of not only most of his regular first choice players but also some second choices as well.

The absentees included six members of the team who drew with Spain in Valencia in a European championship match in February—Harvey, Bremner, McQueen and Jordan (Leeds United), Burns (Birmingham City) and Hutchison (Coventry City). Also unavailable are Lorimer (Leeds United) and the injured Holton (Manchester United).

The effect is that for the first time in a while home Scots are the majority in the senior pool. Of those taking a step towards their first international, only McDougall and Hughes are from south of the border. The uncapped home players are Kennedy, Jackson, Rodman and Robinson.

The under-23 party, which will for this match only come under the management of Celtic's Jock Stein, contain even more home players. Eleven of the 16 are from Scottish League clubs. In naming the two over-23 players agreed upon, however, Scotland have sought experience in the Football League. Craig and Houston are given the task of stabilizing the side.

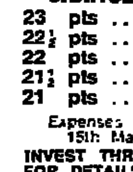
SCOTLAND: goalkeepers: R. Clark (Aberdeen), S. Kennedy (Rangers); full backs: W. Jordan (Rangers), D. McGrain (Celtic), A. Forsyth (Manchester U); central defenders: M. Buchan (Manchester U), C. Jackson (Rangers), E. Rodman (Kilmarnock); midfield: K. Dalglish (Celtic), D. Hay (Chelsea), G. Souness (Middlesbrough), C. Cooke (Chelsea), D. Johnstone (Rangers), R. Robinson (Dundee); forwards: L. Macari (Manchester U), E. McDougall (Norwich C), D. Parlane (Rangers), W. Hughes (Sunderland).

UNDER-23: goalkeepers: J. Brown (Sheffield U), A. Rough (Partick Thistle); full backs: D. Bremner (Hibernian), S. Kennedy (Falkirk), G. Burley (Ipswich T), S. Houston (Manchester U); central defenders: A. Hansen (Partick Thistle), W. Miller (Aberdeen); midfield: T. Craig (Newcastle U), P. McCluskey (Celtic), D. Narey (Dundee U), G. Smith (Kilmarnock), T. Walker (Airdrie); forwards: A. Graham (Aberdeen), J. Pearson (Everton), W. Pettigrew (Motherwell).

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Yesterday's results

Second division

Cardiff (1) 1 Sayer — Portsmouth (0) 0 [illegible]

West Brom (0) 4 Brown 3 (1 pen), Edwards, Cantello — Notts Co (0) 1 McC[illegible] [illegible]

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester U	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunderland	[illegible]	17	13	8	61	32	47
Aston Villa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Blackpool	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norwich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fulham	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
W Bromwich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hull	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oxford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southampton	[illegible]	[illegible]	10	[illegible]	47	[illegible]	[illegible]
Notts C	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Orient	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bolton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Portsmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oldham	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Millwall	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sheffield W	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Fourth division

Reading (1) 3 Friday (2), Henderson — Exeter (0) 0 4,474

Scottish Cup semi-final

Dundee (0) 0 — Celtic (0) 1 Glavin 19,500

Scottish second division

Cowdenbeath (0) 0 — East Fife (1) 2 Love, Clark

European championship Group Two

Austria (0) 0 — Hungary (0) 0 [illegible] (at Vienna)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wales	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hungary	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Luxembourg	[illegible]	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	11	0

Group Six

USSR (1) 3 Blokhin, Kolotov (2 pen), [illegible] (at Kiev) — Turkey (0) 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rep of Ireland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Turkey	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
USSR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Switzerland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

OLYMPIC ELIMINATION: Greece 0, East Germany 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division (north): Wellingborough 1, Witney Town 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Warrington 25, Halifax 5.

RUGBY UNION: Under 16 group: London Welsh Schoolboys 22, Cambridgeshire Schoolboys 0.

Today's fixtures

Third division

Tranmere Rovers v Wrexham (7.30).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Walton and Hersham v Hitchin Town (7.30).

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hornchurch v Rainham (7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Wimbledon v Wealdstone (7.30).

RUGBY UNION: Taunton v Somerset Police (6.0); New Brighton v Liverpool.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Featherstone Rovers v Leeds (6.0).

Rugby Union

A Master Gunner bombards Army

By Peter Marson

The Army 16 Civil Service 19

Neither the Army nor the Civil Service played particularly well on a cold windy afternoon at Aldershot Military Stadium yesterday, and no doubt the cold and the wind had something to do with that. But there were a few scattered moments when both sides achieved something of which they could be proud and, after a shower of 22 points in the second half, Civil Service trooped off having won a narrow victory by a goal, a try, and three penalty goals, to a goal, a try, and two penalty goals.

Cuss, the Army full back, was one to have an excellent game showing a flair for attack, a sound defence, and a credit balance in the field of place kicking. In the second half Cuss converted Robinson's splendid try and landed two penalty goals. Yet, when it came to bombardment, Civil Service fielded the "Master Gunner" in their fullback Hatfield.

Triggs had been chosen to take kicks for goal in the first half, and having succeeded with his first effort, a penalty goal from 30 yards out, he then converted a try by Short. But Hatfield seemed to have influenced his captain shortly after the start to the second half when, from his own line, he found touch with the wind's assistance on the Army's 25—a kick of 80 yards.

Hatfield's party piece was to come later when the Army fell off side at a ruck. Placing the ball five yards inside his own half, he sent the ball high between the uprights. At this point the referee awarded a second penalty against the player penalized previously, this time "for comment". From the centre spot Hatfield gave us an encore. Davies had scored the Army's first try, and Wilding the second try by the Civil Service.

THE ARMY: Sgt M. Cuss (DWR), L/Cpl P. Elwell (DWR), WO2 P. Robinson (DWR), Pte S. G. Jackson (RAMC), L/Cpl R. Davies (RCT), Lt W. A. N. Atkinson (DWR), Capt M. J. Winarick (RCT), Capt R. G. C. Campbell (RCT), L/Cpl A. W. McConnell (R Sigs), Lt P. M. Johnson (RHA), Cpl J. Powell (REME), Cpl A. Hickling (Royal Sigs), S Sgt K. G. McQuillan (REME), Capt R. E. Rea (RAMC, Capt), Pte G. O. W. Williams (DWR).

CIVIL SERVICE: P. Hatfield (PO), M. Triggs (PO), B. Halliday (PO), R. Dyamond (Min of Defence), C. Wilding (Land Registry), P. McArtney (Min of Defence), M. Weir (Dept of Health and Social Security), M. Leighton (Min of Defence), B. Davidson (DHSS), J. Whipp (Treasury), K. Short (Inland Rev), F. Morgan (Inland Rev), M. Parr (Land Registry), L. Conner (PO), G. Thompson (Min of Defence).

Referee: Sgt M. Frary (RAMC).

Japanese pay handsome tribute to the Cambridge style of play

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Cambridge University came home this week from a remarkably successful tour of Japan with a number of walking wounded including Peter Warfield, the England centre, who suffered a painful hip injury in the second of the four matches and was unable to play again. The manager, Ian Beer, a former Cambridge and England forward and now headmaster of Lancing, tells me that Warfield could not raise a trot let alone a gallop, on the day they picked their side before the last match against the full strength of Japan. It seems that he might be a doubtful starter for England's short tour of Australia next month.

Considering that Cambridge met All Japan with Warfield, the All Black, O'Callaghan, and Edlmann, their best lineout jumper, out of action, they must have done really well to be drawing 13—13 with a minute to go. At that point Japan kicked a penalty goal from under the posts to deprive the tourists of an unbeaten record. O'Callaghan pulled a groin muscle in the opening game, and did not play again. Edlmann did not play at all, flying home after only two days because of his father's illness.

The last game was a fierce contest played in front of 38,000 spectators, the largest crowd to watch a rugby match in Japan. The Cambridge scrum half, Harding, and the flanker, Hartley, both went off with facial injuries, to be replaced by Breakey and French. Hignell moved up from full back to scrum half. The hooker, Campbell, broke an arm in the second half but stuck it out to the finish. Breakey had his jaw fractured just before no side and sustained another injury at the back of his head. A total of 27 stitches was required to patch up the casualties.

The Cambridge manager, I should imagine with a nice sense of diplomacy, suggested at the dinner afterwards that Japan's forwards had piled into the rucks with some excess of enthusiasm. He thought they would have to rethink their tactics before they played Wales this summer.

In all other respects Mr Beer has come back singing the praises of their hosts. "We had a tremendous enjoyable fortnight, and the hospitality was so unbelievably lavish that I doubt if I personally could have lasted the course much longer. 'Shiggy' Konno, the chairman of the Japanese union, did a great job of organization. It was a hard tour but a magnificent one, and I have never travelled with such a fine bunch of players."

Cambridge began operations before 30,000 spectators in the Olympic stadium, with a scintillating win over Waseda University by 52—3 (England won there by much the same margin in 1971). "Our play that day", says Mr Beer, "was about as exciting as anything I have seen in a long time". The public and the media were enthralled.

In the second match, when they underestimated the opposition and fielded all their reserves, they recovered from 12—25 against All Japan Universities to score 23 more points without further reply. This game in Nagoya was watched by 16,000 people. Cambridge then disposed of the Nippon Steel Company, a mature club side at the lower end of the southern island, by 32—16. These opponents looked bigger, if not heavier, than Cambridge at the lineout. The Cambridge pack is relatively lightweight, but Mr Beer is sure that Japan is growing some larger forwards.

Interest in the tour was exceptional throughout, the team being besieged by youthful autograph hunters wherever they went. The record crowd that turned out to watch the last game in Tokyo was a handsome tribute to the Cambridge style of play. Mr Beer gives particular credit to his captain, Stephen Warlow, for an outstanding contribution both on and off the field. Warlow got four tries on a flank, only the wing, Wood (five), scoring more. Pratt and Lintott were especially noteworthy forwards. Williams had some excellent games on the wing, Harding gave Wordsworth an admirable service and the stand-off half, confidently and unselfishly prompting his sparkling backs, tackled fearlessly when confronted by an unusually large opponent in the last match.

I was wrong recently in supposing that Harding had been put out of the reckoning for England's tour of Australia because of injury. Hignell was the leading points scorer (48) scoring a try against All Japan with a run over three quarters of the length of the field that had Princess Chichibu in raptures. The Emperor's sister gave all members of the Cambridge party a gold watch, personally inscribed, as a memento of the tour.

Warfield, even had he been fit, would not have been available to Rosslyn Park for their knockout semi-final at Morpeth on Saturday, nor—assuming they reach it—for the final on April 26. On that day he hopes to be playing for Old Palatinates against Durham University. I cannot report the progress of his injury beyond saying that he must be able to walk without undue difficulty. He is currently incommunicado, tramping and camping with an old Haileybury friend somewhere on Dartmoor. This is an expedition planned some while ago and it underlines, in the honouring of it, how Warfield preserves a refreshing Corinthian attitude too seldom seen in this automated era.

Corless doubtful to play against Bedford

Coventry, the holders, could be without the centre Barrie Corless for Saturday's national knockout competition semi-final round match at Bedford as they seek their third successive appearance in the final.

Corless twisted his knee at Headingley on Easter Monday and is facing an uphill struggle to regain full fitness. He is at present on holiday in Norfolk and hopes to enlist the help of the Norwich FC physiotherapist. If Corless is unfit, Preece is expected to move into the centre with either Maisey or Barnwell coming in to fill the wing position.

Coventry, who won 19—16 at Bedford earlier in the season, are also without the England prop Cotton, who is on holiday in Corfu.

London Scottish delay naming their side for Saturday's match against Saracens at Richmond. Risk or Friell will play in the centre and either Lawson or Crear will fill the scrum half berth, depending on availability. Corstorphine is preferred to Lovett at prop and the lock Hay deputizes for McHarg, who is unavailable.

Richmond, who go to Neath on Saturday after a two-match Easter tour in France, bring back Maxwell on the wing and move Mort inside to replace Waugh, who is unavailable.

COVENTRY: P. A. Rossborough; D. J. Duckham, B. Corless, P. S. Preece, G. W. Evans; A. R. Cowman, C. Grimshaw; J. M. Broderick, J. Gallagher, T. Corless, I. R. Darnell, B. Ninnes, P. M. Bryan, J. Barton, B. C. Holt.

Table tennis

Mrs Mathews to retire from tournament play

After an international career spanning more than a decade, Karenza Mathews makes her last tournament appearance in the English table tennis championships, sponsored by Norwich Union, which begin at Crystal Palace today.

Although she is only 24, Mrs Mathews said yesterday that she has decided to retire from competition. "I have been playing for so long that I have lost a bit of interest. I shall probably do more on the coaching side and will take up something new, perhaps squash."

Mrs Mathews played her 231st international match against China in the recent world championships in Calcutta. Only the legendary Diane Rowe, among women, made more appearances for England, with 233.

Mrs Mathews first played for England as a junior in 1964 and made her senior debut two years later. Although winning the English singles title twice, her most notable triumphs were in doubles, for she won seven women's and five mixed doubles titles.

This year, for the first time since her original entry 10 years ago, Mrs Mathews is not seeded in the singles, having recently been demoted to No 5 in the national rankings.

Boxing

BRIDLINGTON: English ABA championships: Semi-final round: Light-flyweight: R. Robinson, bye; J. Dawson beat J. Wilson, second round; Fly: C. Magri beat R. Parkinson, second round; J. Spring beat J. McCabe, points; Bantam: J. Patterson beat T. Hetherington, points; N. Philip beat C. Edwards-Boza, points; Feather: R. Beaumont beat G. Metcalfe, second round; J. Cooke beat J. Egan, points; Light: P. Cowdell beat J. Hunting, points; D. Davison bye; Light-welter: J. McIntosh beat A. Lamb, second round; J. Zeraschi beat R. Dorrington, points.

WELTER: C. Oyediran beat H. Watson, points; M. Jones beat T. Paterson, points. Light-middle: R. Davies beat W. E. English, points; P. Morris beat T. Gunning, points.

Cricket

Sussex appoint youngest chairman

Sussex County Cricket Club have elected their youngest chairman, Tony Crole-Rees, to succeed Douglas Wilson, who has resigned. Mr Crole-Rees (49) has been chairman of the club's welfare association for the past six years and also chairman of the Sussex Young Cricketers.

The Sussex players reported for pre-season nets at the Hove county ground yesterday. Tony Greig, the captain, returns from South Africa on Friday. Tony Buss, the coach, reports that a record number of 400 schoolboys are to be coached during the next two weeks.

Peter Johnson, the former Cambridge Blue, has joined Nottinghamshire, whose players start a five-day training programme at RAF Newton, Nottinghamshire, today. They will start net practice at Trent Bridge next week.

Boxing

Keeping Conteh healthy, wealthy and wise

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

John Conteh, Britain's world light-heavyweight champion, has a four-event plan for 1975, beginning with a 10 rounds non-title contest against Alvaro "Yacqui" Lopez, of United States, at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on May 20.

George Francis, Conteh's manager, told me yesterday: "I was hoping for a fight with the world middleweight champion, Monzon, in May but recently I've heard nothing from them. Now my ideal plan would be to have this fight with Lopez followed by another 10 rounds non-title job, perhaps in Denmark where John's very popular, and then look for the next superstar contest around July—it's very good for boxing if John wins, shows we can produce an all-round athlete! Stage four in the plan would still be a fight with Monzon and by the end of the summer it could be on the cards."

The obvious reason why Conteh's next appearance at Wembley will not be a title defence is that he would want much more money to risk his championship against Lopez, who has a good record (25 wins in 27 bouts) and is ranked as a leading contender. Francis agrees: "To put the title at stake deserves a super pay night like he could get with Monzon. Against Lopez for the championship we wouldn't be able to get the earth. Things can always go wrong, we're not God Almighty, one cut eye could do it, so I want to keep the fighter healthy, wealthy and wise and let him take any risks when he's really earning."

Francis suspects that no offer has come from the camp of Monzon because "they were a bit surprised that Conteh took care of Lonnie Bennett so quickly in his last title fight. Sure, we'd like to meet Galindez, the World Boxing Association champion, but they're not interested with a defence of their title against Fourie coming up in South Africa. It's only my opinion but I think Galindez will stop Fourie in about eight rounds."

Many champions in the past have turned with relief to non-title bouts because they invariably have had difficulty in making the weight limit of their division for championship defences. This is not so with Conteh, says Francis. "You weighed him in yourself a few days before both his last two championship fights and you know he was inside 12 st 7 lb. In fact, the morning of the Bennett fight John was so comfortable on the scales I took him out for a couple of poached eggs before the official weigh-in. If anything I prefer him to have to make the weight because it makes him sharper."

Neither Francis nor Conteh has seen Lopez, a 23-year-old member of the Yacqui Indian tribe who lives in Los Angeles, in the ring. Francis says: "I've studied his record through and through. He lost an early fight in 1972 to Jesse Barnett and the next year he was out-pointed by Al Bolden but beat him in a return. The good thing about him is that I hear he likes to come forward. That will suit John—mind you he's not bad with them slippery eels—and it'll go down well with the public too because it should make for an entertaining fight. John's going off now for nine days in Paris, looking around at the sights because he needs a break, and when he returns he'll be starting training straight away."

Chicago, April 2.—British matchmaker Mickey Duff said here today he had made a firm offer to the world heavyweight champion, Muhammad Ali, to defend his title against the European champion, Joe Bugner, in the United States.

Duff, who represents Bugner, said New York, Chicago and Los Angeles were the favourite sites. He had no plans to stage the bout in London. After meeting Herbert Muhammad, Ali's manager here, Duff said he was neither optimistic nor pessimistic of his chances of promoting the fight. "I have made what I consider is a very good offer and the fact that negotiations have got this far is a good sign". Duff said.

Ali said after beating Chuck Wepner in Cleveland last week that he expected Bugner would be his next opponent. Ali beat Bugner on points over 12 rounds in Las Vegas in 1973.—Reuter.

Rackets

Tall Marlburians short on attacking spirit

By Our Rackets Correspondent

Marlborough suffered a wretched day in the schools rackets championships at Queen's Club yesterday. Seeded in both the senior and colts events they lost both pairs, beaten by Eton and Radley respectively. Malvern, top seeds in both events, lost only 15 points in winning their two matches.

Eton's pair, H. R. Murray-Philipson and R. M. J. O. Graham, beat the Marlburians, M. N. P. Mockridge and D. K. Watson, by 15—4, 5—15, 18—16, 12—15, 15—10, 15—5 and were the more adroit players on the volley, half volley, and in the use of the angles. They recovered well and generally held the front of the court.

The Marlburians were several inches taller and probably stronger than their rivals though they failed to show it. They did not possess much of an attacking spirit, tended to hit high and round the walls and thereby play into the Etonians' hands. Only in the second game did Mockridge find an effective service.

The third game was important but Marlborough, having recovered from 8—13 to 13—13, wavered and allowed Eton to reach game point at 17—13. They had another chance, reached 16—17 but then hit down twice. Eton ended the fifth game with some typical angles with a few nicks thrown in and the sixth game with a backhand from Graham that went round three walls before dying near the front of the court.

Haileybury had a cliff hanging match with Wellington before W. A. Hollington and P. A. Hearn beat W. F. Ormond and P. A. T. Myrtle by 15—11, 15—9, 16—17, 10—15, 15—8, 15—11. At one time Haileybury led by two games to love and 14—2. Ormond then made a remarkable run of 12 while Haileybury panicked. Haileybury had a game point at 16—14 but lost the game and struggled thereafter.

SECOND ROUND: Malvern (P. C. Nicholls and M. A. Tang) beat Radley (M. J. B. Hoston-Ellis and J. W. G. Kenyon) 15—2, 15—6, 16—3, 15—1; Eton (H. R. Murray-Philipson and R. J. O. Graham) beat Marlborough (M. N. P. Mockridge and D. K. Watson) 15—4, 15—16, 18—16, 12—15, 15—10, 15—5; Haileybury (W. A. Hollington and P. A. Hearn) beat Wellington (W. F. Ormond and P. A. T. Myrtle) 15—11, 15—9, 16—17, 10—15, 15—8, 15—11.

COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: Malvern (P. J. Rosser and A. J. B. McDonald) beat Wellington (P. G. C. Mallinson and W. J. Maltby) 15—2, 15—0, 15—1; Radley (A. C. T. Pepper and C. J. Sutton) beat Marlborough (C. P. Worlidge and S. J. Lillyman) 16—13, 17—15, 13—15, 15—11; Haileybury (R. A. Graddon and P. Wallis) beat Eton (D. J. G. Faber and N. E. C. Barham) 15—1, 15—6, 15—0; Harrow (R. M. Tindall and G. A. de Lotbiniere) beat Rugby (A. L. Anton and A. W. Tolshan) 17—14, 15—3, 15—8.

Horse trials

Horse that went under once finishes on top

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Rachel Bayliss and Gurgle the Greek, the horse who caused a new rule to be framed when he ducked under a log which he should have jumped at Badminton two years ago, won the Midland Bank advanced class at the Downlands horse trials, near Liphook, yesterday. With the best dressage of the day and the second fastest time across country, he won by 15 points from Captain Mark Phillips on Persian Holiday.

Susan Hatherley finished third on Devils Jump, and the next three horses, with little dividing them, included Princess Anne with her most promising young horse, Arthur of Troy, who was bred in Kent and is by Raisin.

Rain persisted until after tea and in the prevailing going Bridget Parker withdrew her Olympic horse, Cornish Gold, after the show jumping, and Christopher Collins also pulled out his pair, Smokey VI and Centurion, with Badminton in mind. But Lucinda Prior-Palmer, who has entered three horses for Badminton, was well placed both on Wideawake and her 1973 winner, Be Fair.

Mary Gordon-Watson actually rode three horses here, finishing fourth on Major Derek Allhusen's Waxwing and achieving a good win on Captain Alan Yate's home bred Highness.

ADVANCED: 1, Miss R. Bayliss's Gurgle the Greek (26 dressage penalties, 0 show jumping, 32 cross-country time, 0 cross-country jumping=58); 2, Captain M. Phillips's Persian Holiday (31.0,12.0=73); 3, Miss S. Hatherley's Devils Jump (40.0,33.0=74).

INTERMEDIATE SECTION A: 1, Mrs W. P. Gwyther's Gordano Girl (31.0,26.0=56); 2, C. Sinnott's Croughan (40.0,19.0=59); 3, Miss I. Woolford's Notaverse (44.0,18.0=62).

INTERMEDIATE SECTION B: 1, Captain A. Yate's Highness (Miss M. Gordon-Watson) (33.0,23.0=56); 2, Mrs G. Prentice's Mornyoude (35.0,18.0=58); 3, Miss A. Collins's Special Constable (34.0,27.0=63).

NOVICE SECTION A: 1, Miss C. Skelton's Pheidippides (30.0,5.0=35); 2, Princess Anne's Mardi Gras (29.0,5.0=34); 3, The Comtesse de Brye's Master Miller (29.0,8.0=37).

NOVICES SECTION B: 1, Mrs P. Gilbert's Pennywise IV (17.0,6.0=23); 2, Miss P. Sivewright's Rhyme and Reason (21.5,4.0=30); 3, Mrs P. M. Sanderson's Ratanta (18.0,13.0=31).

NOVICE SECTION C: 1, J. Sheddon's Warrior (32.0,0.0=32); 2, The Comtesse de Brye's Happy Thought (33.0,1.0=34); 3, P. Dowling's Kings Cross (31.0,4.0=35).

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Flames 2, New York Islanders 3; Buffalo Sabres 3, Boston Bruins 1; Kansas City Scouts 7, Minnesota North Stars 3; Vancouver Canucks 7, California Golden Seals 0.

Tennis

LOS ANGELES: Miss J. Heldman (US) beat Miss R. Giscafre (Argentina) 6—3, 6—1; Miss S. V. Wade (GB) beat Miss W. Overton (US) 6—3, 6—1; Miss M. Navratilova (Czechoslovakia) beat Miss K. Kuykendall (US) 6—2, 6—0; Miss O. Morozova (Soviet Union) beat Miss S. Stap (US) 6—2, 6—1; Miss M. Schallau (US) beat Miss F. Durr (France) 6—1, 6—3; Miss M. Louie (US) beat Mrs K. Gunter (US) 6—1, 6—1; Miss C. Evert (US) beat Miss J. Newberry (US) 6—1, 6—0; Miss E. Goolagong (Australia) beat Miss V. Ziegenfuss (US) 6—2, 6—1.

TUCSON: J. Newcombe (Australia) beat R. Hewitt (SA) 6—2, 6—3; R. Fairlie (NZ) beat R. Ramirez (Mexico) 6—2, 6—4; R. Laver (Australia) beat I. Molina (Colombia) 6—1, 6—1; J. Alexander (Australia) beat R. Moore (SA) 6—3, 2—6, 6—4; A. Ashe (US) beat O. Bengtson (Sweden) 6—3, 7—6.

Cricket

BRIDGETOWN: Shell Shield: Combined Islands 189 and 314 (J. Allen 110, I. V. A. Richards 54; V. A. Holder 3-32, G. C. Armstrong 3-71); Barbados 211 (C. King 86, K. D. Boyce 51; H. Gore 3-47, A. M. E. Roberts 3-60) and 129 (N. Clarke 39; A. M. E. Roberts 6-35, H. Gore 3-29). Combined Islands won by 163 runs.

Rugby fives

SOUTH CROYDON (Whitgift School): Schools' championships: Doubles: Second round: St Paul's I wo Merchiston Castle II, scr; Denstone beat Bedford Modern II, 11—10, 11—2; Malvern I beat Colston's, 11—2, 11—1; Blundell's beat Rugby, 11—6, 11—0; St Dunstan's I beat Merchant Taylors' II, 11—7, 11—6; Winchester beat Bristol GS, 8—11, 11—1, 11—7; Whitgift beat Bloxham II, 12—10, 11—5; Sedbergh I beat Bedford II, 11—1, 11—5; Oundle beat Sedbergh II, 11—5, 11—8; Felsted I beat Loretto, 11—4, 11—4; Radley beat Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree, 11—8, 9—11, 11—8; St Paul's II beat Malvern II, 11—1, 11—5; Merchiston Castle I beat Merchant Taylors' I, 11—8, 12—11; St Dunstan's II beat Bloxham I, 12—10, 12—10; Bedford Modern I wo Alleyn's scr; Bedford I beat Bradfield, 11—7, 11—4.

Skiing

PORDENONE, Italy: Women's European cup: Giant slalom: 1, Miss M. T. Nadig (Switzerland), 1min 29.86sec.

Cycling

WAREMME: Tour of Belgium: Stage four: 1, C. Rouxel (France), 5hr 27min 18sec; 2, M. Bergamo (Italy), 5:27.21; 3, G. Pintens, 5:27.33. Overall: 1, F. Maertens, 18:40:38; 2, M. Pollentier, 18:40.58; 3, F. Verbeeck, 18:41.06.

Racing

A fresh Winter Rain expected in vicinity of winner's enclosure

By *Michael Phillips*

Racing Correspondent

With Tony Dickinson's horses in such good form, no one ought to be surprised if Winter Rain wins the Topham Trophy at Liverpool today. It sometimes pays to follow a stable that is riding on a crest of the wave. Dickinson had four winners at separate meetings on Easter Monday and then increased the week's tally to five on Tuesday when Donohill won the Leeds Handicap Steeplechase at Wetherby.

Donohill was ridden by Dickinson's son, Michael, who had been forced to miss numerous good rides during the previous two months because of an injury. The Dickinsons have had the Topham Trophy in mind for Winter Rain all season and his training has been geared with today in mind since he won the Boston Pit Handicap Steeplechase at Haydock Park on February 6 by 15 lengths. He will enter the arena this afternoon a fresh horse, which is more than can be said for some of his rivals.

It is thought that two miles and threequarters round Aintree, which is the distance of the Topham Trophy, will suit Winter Rain perfectly. Dickinson would have been happier if there had been no rain recently, but he will not find much better ground in the whole of the country than at Aintree this afternoon, because the course has not been used for a year and the Topham Trophy will be the first race over those famous fences. On reasonable ground Cuckolder can be expected to run much better than he did at Cheltenham, where he clearly detested the testing conditions. But, I am far from convinced that he can be relied upon to jump round. He tends to chance his arm from time to time and Aintree is not the place to do that.

Our Greenwood and Arklow have been sent over from Ireland for the race. Our Greenwood started favourite for the Mildmay of Fleet Challenge Cup at Cheltenham, but was routed by Summerville. That may have been no disgrace, because Summerville is unquestionably a good horse when he is caught in the right mood. Our Greenwood has won four races in Ireland already this season, and I regard him as the principal danger to Winter Rain. With only 10 st 7 lb on his back, Arklow should certainly make his presence felt. Any horse who can win races in succession at Leopardstown must be taken seriously, because races on that course are notoriously hard to win. Paddy's Roadhouse has been penalized for winning his last race at Newbury. With 11 st 7 lb to carry, he now looks a trifle too close to Winter Rain in this handicap.

The Liverpool Foxhunters Steeplechase is the other race run over the part of the National course today. Lord Fortune, who won it last year, is back again, as is Credit Call, who won it for Christopher Collins in 1972. Credit Call does not appear to be as good as he was, but Lord Fortune ran well at Cheltenham when he finished fourth behind Real Rascal, Moor Lad and Creme Brule in the Foxhunters' Challenge Cup. However, both Moor Lad and Creme Brule are also in the field this afternoon and theoretically they should both finish in front of Lord Fortune.

I know that I was not alone in regarding Moor Lad as the unluckiest loser of the National Hunt Festival, and I only hope that his rider has learned from that somewhat painful lesson and that he will not ask this promising young horse to make up so much ground in the closing stages again.

The meeting scheduled to take place at Stratford-on-Avon today was called off yesterday after the stewards had inspected the course. Apparently there was no likelihood of it drying in time.

McCain has reason to enthuse over Red Rum

Red Rum was impressive in his final important work-out for the Grand National on Southport sands yesterday morning. The trainer, Donald McCain, was *enthusiastic*. "He was really super, he galloped two miles and it was difficult to pull him up. Red Rum is very fit and he will have an easy day tomorrow and a short gallop on Friday," McCain said.

Red Rum, who is attempting to become the first to win three *Nationals is much* better on good ground, but underfoot conditions could well be soft for the big race. John Williams, the manager of Aintree racecourse, announced the going as soft on the National course, and good to soft on all other courses.

But, nothing could dampen McCain's *spirits. He said: "We had* a good deal of rain last night, but Aintree is a quick drying track and I am confident the going will be good on Saturday."

Land Lark, backed from 40-1 to 16-1 over the last two months, represents the smallest stable. The family pet is one of six horses from Pat Pocock's yard in north Somerset. "Land Lark goes in all sorts of going but is not at his best when conditions are holding," the trainer's wife, Mrs Elizabeth Pocock, said. "The horse travels to Aintree tomorrow and villagers in Holford will see him off."

Rag Trade, who recently joined Arthur Pitt's Epsom stable after being bought by Mr Pierre Raymond for 18,000 guineas, had a secret work-out this morning. Pitt said: "He was taken to a racecourse and worked over fences by his big race jockey Johnny Francome. I am not prepared to say where it was, but I was really delighted with him."

STATE OF GOING (official): Liverpool (today and tomorrow): National course, soft, other courses, good to soft. Teesside Park (today and tomorrow): heavy.

Follow Bird's pointer to Naughty Pigeon

By Jim Snow

A few years ago the future of Teesside Park as a racecourse, Stockton as it then was known, looked decidedly uncertain, and in 1972 there came the closedown. But, under new management and a change of name, the course later came to life, and a new course built for National Hunt racing was constructed.

Its fortunes are now restored, there are a fair number of sponsors, and today when the three day Grand National meeting starts, and on Friday, it provides the only all flat racing programme in the second half of the week.

Since the flat started on March 20 at Doncaster, there have been signs that the horses trained by the Easterby brothers, Peter and Michael, in and near to Malton, are that little more forward than those from most stables in the north, with the exception of Denys Smith's in co Durham and "Squeak" Fairhurst's in Middleham.

This afternoon at Teesside, the task of searching for winners is difficult, but, on the argument that most of the Easterby horses have been running well, I take Naughty Pigeon to win the Revival Maiden two-year-old Plate. He started second favourite at Doncaster when a close third to Shukran in a two-year-old selling race, but the winner was more than a little useful, as Alec Bird, who knows his values down to the last penny, considered, and at the auction he went to 3,200 guineas to buy her. *This is an enormous sum to pay* for a two-year-old selling plater in March, and today's performance by Naughty Pigeon will be instructive.

In the principal race, the Ladbroke Middlesbrough Dragonara Handicap (6f), Michael Easterby's four-year-old Burwell faces a stiff task with 9st 13lb in going that might be heavy.

Liverpool programme

[Television (BBC2): 2.30, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races]

2.0 CROXTETH PLATE (2-y-o : £345 : 5f)

101 1 Pennina (D) (J. Throup), M. W. Easterby, 8-13 .. E. Hide 9
103 Chief Constable (L. Clark), B. Swift, 8-11 .... P. Cook 10
109 4 Mayhem (H. Metcalfe), R. C. Ward, 8-11 .... T. Rogers 6
110 Muriska Prince (Mrs Gee), R. Hannon, 8-11 .... F. Durr 5
112 Pitboy (P. Milner), Milner, 8-11 .... G. Morgan 7 3
117 Rundontwalk (S. Romano), G. Richards, 8-11 .. W. Carson 8
119 1 Threshold Payment (D) (G. Balding), Balding, 9-2 J. Matthews 5 2
120 Urray Harry (D. Coppenhall), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 T. Ives 1
121 Aintree Pals (A. Liddiard), Mrs R. Lomax, 8-8 A. Launchbury 7
122 Button Boy (B. Davies), K. Payne, 8-8 .... S. Eccles 7 4
124 Solairo (W. Elsey), Elsey, 8-8 .... S. Salmon 5 11

5-2 Pennina, 3-1 Chief Constable, 9-2 Threshold Payment, 6-1 Muriska Prince, 8-1 Button Boy, 10-1 Rundontwalk, 12-1 Solairo, 20-1 others.

2.30 LANCASHIRE HURDLE (4-y-o : £2,486 : 2m 100yds)

201 1100 French Pin (Mrs Lyburn), G. Richards, 11-4 .... R. Barry
202 01210 Hiram Maxim (Mrs Power), F. Rimell, 11-4 .... K. White
203 110 Passing Shot (A. Penfold), S. Woodman, 11-4 .. C. Goldsworthy
204 411410 Wovoka (Mrs House), L. Dudgeon, 11-4 .... R. Floyd
205 013110 Zip Fastener (R. McAlpine), F. Rimell, 11-4 .... J. Burke
208 11 Dramatist (L. Thwaites), F. Walwyn, 11-0 .... W. Smith
209 000 Fils Du Fen (W. Gams), P. Bailey, 11-0 .... J. King
211 404 Indubitably (D. Lennon), B. Wilkinson, 11-0 .... D. Atkins
212 344141 Jack De Lilo (R. Crossman), P. Norris, 11-0 .... B. Hannon
213 0104 Killarney Bar (Mrs McConnell), P. Doyle, 11-0 .. D. T. Hughes
214 2b1131 Night Talk (Mrs Clayton), P. Felgate, 11-0 .... J. Glover
215 113400 Quick Attraction (E. Peskin), C. Bewicke, 11-0 .... T. Carberry
216 1330 Silver Strand (J. Bigg), W. Wharton, 11-0 .... R. Champion
217 0140u Toombeola (Mrs Graham), P. Canty, 11-0 .... J. Gallagher 3
219 10244p Val D'Amour (J. Morley), D. Morley, 11-0 .... R. Pitman

5-1 Passing Shot, 6-1 Zip Fastener, 13-2 Dramatist, 7-1 Jack De Lilo, Killarney Bar, 8-1 Hiram Maxim, 10-1 Night Talk, French Pin, 12-1 Wovoka, Quick Attraction, 20-1 others.

3.5 TOPHAM TROPHY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £3,054 : 2¾m)

301 002111 Winter Rain (F. Tyldesley), A. Dickinson, 7-12-1 M. Dickinson
302 111f12 Our Greenwood (O. Freaney), J. Draper, 7-12-0 T. Carberry
303 pf231p Cuckolder (Mrs Embiricos), R. Turnell, 10-12-0 .. A. Turnell
304 f-04431 Paddy's Road House (Mrs Ceballos), F. Winter, 7-11-7 R. Pitman
305 321213 Puckham (R. Blandford), M. Scudamore, 11-10-11 .... J. Haine
306 410-p00 Levaden (J. White), H. Wharton, 10-10-11 .... L. Watkinson
310 140210 Amieris (A. Grogan), A. Jarvis, 9-10-8 .... S. A. Taylor
311 100211 Arklow (Mrs Macaulay), D. Auld, 10-10-7 .... Mr Fowler
315 0001p0 Thomond (Miss Pearson), Miss T. Pearson, 10-10-0 .. Mr Wilson
316 0-pp03p Ballyhoura Hill (P. Talbot-Ponsonby), M. Scudamore, 9-10-0 P. Kelleway
317 3-11123 Knotty Problem (R. Winstanley), R. Wharton, 8-10-0 M. Blackshaw
318 010114 Parkgate Inn (A. Wood), S. Mellor, 7-10-0 .... J. Glover
319 0-n043p Eyecatcher (J. Bosley), Bosley, 9-10-0 .... K. Maguire
320 030-042 Rouge Autumn (W. Jenks), Jenks, 11-10-0 .... K. White
323 13133p Quintus (C. Courage), Courage, 8-10-0 .... J. Barlow
324 443100 Glenklin (C) (N. Le Mare), D. McCain, 12-10-0 .... S. Holland
326 334002 Roman Law (M. Toulson), Toulson, 9-10-0 .... R. Weaver
327 p04-030 Somers of Wolston (J. Edwards), H. O'Neill, 9-10-0 H. J. Evans 5

3-1 Our Greenwood, 9-2 Winter Rain, 5-1 Arklow, 6-1 Cuckolder, 8-1 Paddy's Road House, 10-1 Puckham, 12-1 Parkgate Inn, Rouge Autumn, 14-1 Knotty Problem, 20-1 others.

3.40 UNION JACK STAKES (3-y-o : £802 : 1m)

401 3224-1 Tower Bird (E. Colard), D. Weld, 9-5 .... J. Roe 4
402 21- Fiery Copper (A. Bray), R. Hollinshead, 8-12 .... T. Ives 1
403 022100- Velvella (W. Greenbaum), P. Nelson, 8-12 .. C. Williams 5
406 Captain Webb (H. Joel), W. Elsey, 8-7 .... E. Hide 6
408 0002- Gurney Slade (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 8-7 .... W. Carson 3
409 0- Priddy Friendly (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 8-7 .... B. Taylor 2

1-5 Tower Bird, 4-1 Velvella, 6-1 Gurney Slade, 8-1 Fiery Copper, 12-1 Captain Webb, 16-1 Priddy Friendly.

4.10 LIVERPOOL FOXHUNTERS STEEPLECHASE (£996 : 2m 7½f)

502 10-12f4 Credit Call (CD) (Mrs Newton), W. A. Stephenson, 11-12-0 Mr Newton 7
503 20-2203 Creme Brule (J. Townsend), Townsend, 11-12-0 Mr Holland-Martin
504 440ppr Ecu (J. Bishop), N. Bishop, 9-12-0 .... —
505 11212-4 Lord Fortune (CD) (Mrs Bratton), Mrs J. Bratton, 12-12-0 Mr Edmunds 5
506 1-122 Moor Lad (W. Hutchison), Mrs H.-Bradburne, 8-12-0 Mr Hutchison 7
507 4530-31 Mr Rusty (F. Gilman), Gilman, 8-12-0 .... Mr Saunders
508 01 My Way II (C. McDonagh), McDonagh, 8-12-0 .. Mr S. Parkyn 3
509 f14 Salters Brook (C. Tomkinson), Tomkinson, 9-12-0 Mr Greenway 5
510 fp Tantadlin (R. Croft), Croft, 8-12-0 .... Mr King 7
511 30421p Wily Willie (W. Taylor), Taylor, 7-12-0 .... Mr Jones 5

5-2 Moor Lad, 3-1 Creme Brule, 9-2 Lord Fortune, 6-1 Credit Call, 8-1 Mr Rusty, 10-1 Wily Willie, 12-1 Salters Brook, 20-1 others.

4.40 LYDIATE HANDICAP (£587 : 1¾m)

601 130022- Nopac (N. Capon), H. Price, 4-9-13 .... A. Murray 10
602 01201-3 Whispering Grace (CD) (S. Green), N. Crump, 12-9-13 E. Hide 11
603 041011- Barbecue (Mrs Hollinshead), R. Hollinshead, 5-9-10 J. Collins 7 2
604 013030- Rufford (C. Moores), R. D. Peacock, 4-9-7 .... S. Salmon 5 7
606 44021-1 Solid Silver (C) (Mrs Newton), F. Carr, 6-9-7 P. Eddery 3
609 03200-0 Banco Divin (D) (J. Knox), C. Bewicke, 7-9-0 .. J. Reid 5 5
610 Leighton Gold (J. Jarvis), T. Corrie, 5-8-13 .... D. Ryan 1
612 000000- Scoria (J. Lang), C. Crossley, 9-8-10 .... — 4
614 0- Winter Melody (Mrs Hindley), J. Hindley, 4-8-2 A. Kimberley 6
615 00- Eternal Edward (J. Hatton), J. Bradley, 5-8-1 R. Wernham 5 9
616 Seaward Bound (T. Crawford), F. Rimell, 5-7-9 W. Carson 8

15-8 Solid Silver, 11-4 Nopac, 9-2 Whispering Grace, 6-1 Rufford, 8-1 Barbecue, 10-1 Banco Divin, 12-1 Seaward Bound, 20-1 others.

Teesside Park programme

1.15 REVIVAL PLATE (2-y-o maidens : £311 : 5f)

5 Eagle Bar (D. Craik), K. Payne, 8-11 .... A. Cousins 4
6 Flakebridge (J. Winter), T. Fairhurst, 8-11 .... E. Johnson 1
8 Harrys Fizzale (H. Meadows), K. Payne, 8-11 .... T. Lappin 5
11 My Wellie (W. C. Watts), Watts, 8-11 .... G. Oldroyd 6
12 3 Naughty Pigeon (G. Newsome), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 J. Skilling 9
19 Paggen (Mrs Ball), H. Jones, 8-11 .... J. Seagrave 3
24 Carnival Sound (J. Fattorini), S. Nesbitt, 8-8 .. G. Moore 8
25 Chad Park (Mrs Cornforth), L. Shedden, 8-8 .. M. Bray 7 2
26 Doon Pounded (G. Draper), G. Wallace, 8-8 A. McManus 7
27 Windy Sall (Mrs Gibson), H. Blackshaw, 8-8 .. A. Horrocks 10

9-4 Naughty Pigeon, 3-1 Paggen, 4-1 Flakebridge, 11-2 My Wellie, 8-1 Eagle Bar, 10-1 Windy Sall, 14-1 others.

1.45 STAINTON HANDICAP (3-y-o : £360 : 1m)

1 000003- Shermaggie (J. Hanover), D. Yeoman, 9-5 .. Mrs M. Yeoman 7
2 4000-03 Bovingdon (E. Peskin), K. Payne, 9-2 .... A. Cousins 8
4 03000-0 Middle Rd (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 8-11 .... T. Lappin 6
7 00100- Rose Petite (R. Batten), K. Whitehead, 8-8 .... J. Skilling 3
9 02000-1 Solar Crescent (J. Croft), D. Doyle, 8-5 .. S. Webster 5 6
10 41000-0 Notta Crosby (D. Raper), J. Calvert, 8-4 .. S. Freeman 7 9
11 0u3- Ridgeway (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 8-3 .... A. Robson 2
12 00000-2 Deighton Prince (G. Berry), R. Bastiman, 8-1 D. Nicholls 7 10
14 000000- Gala Galore (Mrs Cornforth), L. Shedden, 7-10 C. Eccleston 1
15 400- Makeway (Mrs Hunt), J. Hunt, 7-7 .... E. Apter 4

2-1 Solar Crescent, 3-1 Deighton Prince, 9-2 Bovingdon, 13-2 Rose Petite, 10-1 Middle Rd, 12-1 Notta Crosby, Shermaggie, 16-1 others.

2.15 LADBROKE HANDICAP (£796 : 6f)

1 000211- Burwell (CD) (E. Brown), M. W. Easterby, 4-9-13 T. Walsh 7 6
3 10000-0 Dernier Rire (D) (Mrs Price), M. Naughton, 4-8-13 G. Duffield 5
4 440120- Gold Loom (CD) (Mrs Gray), W. Gray, 6-8-11 P. Robinson 7 1
5 030000- Pal Dan (D) (J. Rose), H. Blackshaw, 5-8-10 M. Nuttall 7 4
7 000704- Sunsoon (G. Greenwood), T. Fairhurst, 5-8-8 .. E. Johnson 3
10 1200- Solo Spy (C) (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 3-7-10 .. T. Lappin 7
11 001003- Cunning Trick (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 3-7-7 .. A. Cousins 2

5-2 Burwell, 3-1 Gold Loom, 9-2 Dernier Rire, 11-2 Pal Dan, 7-1 Cunning Trick, 10-1 Solo Spy, Sunsoon.

2.45 CARLTON PLATE (2-y-o maiden fillies : £311 : 5f)

4 Chinese Falcon (Mrs Raine), P. Metcalfe, 8-11 .. J. Higgins 3
8 Easby Saint (Mrs Blow), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 .... M. Birch 5
13 Lady Peaceable (S. Reid), G. Wallace, 8-11 .... C. Dwyer 8
14 Liberty Light (S. Howarth), T. Fairhurst, 8-11 .. E. Johnson 10
15 Lowry (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 8-11 .... T. Lappin 11
16 Maden (W. C. Watts), Watts, 8-11 .... G. Oldroyd 4
17 Mon Fleur (M. Houlston), L. Shedden, 8-11 .... M. Bray 7 9
20 River Petterill (R. Elliott), W. Haigh, 8-11 .... O. Gray 5 7
21 Stewart Lindsay (Mrs Mordecai), S. Nesbitt, 8-11 .. G. Moore 6
22 Sweet Nightingale (Mrs Brotherton), L. Shedden, 8-11 J. Buchanan 7 2
24 0 Wellsprings Lass (T. Whitfield), H. Blackshaw, 8-11 A. Horrocks 1

13-8 Wellsprings Lass, 9-2 Liberty Light, 5-1 Sweet Nightingale, 13-2 Maden, 10-1 Easby Saint, Stewart Lindsey, 12-1 Chinese Falcon, 20-1 others.

3.15 SPRING HANDICAP (£407 : 1m 7f)

5 300240- Red Quince (W. Balshaw), F. Carr, 4-9-1 .... E. Eldin 2
7 140000- Galah Bird (T. Park), E. Collingwood, 4-8-11 .. O. Gray 5 5
8 00101-0 Beholden (H. Wilson), S. Hall, 4-8-4 .... W. Bentley 4
9 10000-0 Willow Walk (W. Barker), J. Calvert, 6-8-4 S. Freeman 7 1
10 20243-0 Kenpak (J. Finlayson), H. Blackshaw, 7-8-3 .. A. Horrocks 3

11-8 Red Quince, 11-4 Willow Walk, 7-1 Galah Bird, 6-1 Beholden, 12-1 Kenpak.

3.45 WESTBURY HANDICAP (£320 : 5f)

1 141000- Clear Melody (D) (A. Maiden), S. Nesbitt, 4-9-3 A. Crook 3 3
4 00000-0 Alarm Call (D) (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 5-8-12 K. Williams 7 7
5 040040- Golden Sleigh (D) (G. Richards), Richards, 8-8-5 D. Dodd 7 1
7 000200- Queensway (J. Finlayson), H. Blackshaw, 4-7-12 M. Nuttall 7 6
9 00123- Hellsapoppin (D) (T. Kelso), W. Haigh, 4-7-11 P. McGoldrick 7 2
10 02112- Farm Gazer (D. McKenzie), R. Bastiman, 4-7-10 D. Nicholls 3 4
11 00-0 Royal Cadet (K. Payne), Payne, 4-7-9 .. Miss J. McDonald 7 5

5-2 Clear Melody, 3-1 Queensway, 4-1 Farm Gazer, 6-1 Golden Sleigh, 8-1 Alarm Call, 12-1 Hellsapoppin, 20-1 Royal Cadet.

4.15 BROUGHTON PLATE (Maidens : £311 : 1m 1f)

2 042300- Inkling (A. Le Blond), C. Lamb, 5-9-6 .... O. Gray 5 12
5 042400- Bright Cap (R. Barber), D. Chapman, 4-9-2 .. M. Bray 7 1
6 00204-0 Czardas Prince (H. Zeisel), K. Payne, 4-9-2 .. A. Cousins 14
7 00- Majestic Streak (Mrs Perratt), W. Gray, 4-9-2 M. Hancock 7 4
8 2-0 Breakaduck (H. Manners), W. A. Stephenson, 4-8-13 J. Seagrave 3
9 400233- Derrienne (A. Cummins), E. Collingwood, 4-8-13 B. Connorton 9
10 Fighting King (Mrs Dunn), Denys Smith, 4-8-13 .. P. Kelleher 10
12 Maunby Princess (Mrs Raine), M. Naughton, 4-8-13 J. Lowe 6
15 532b-0 Om Shree (K. Gulrajani), H. Blackshaw, 4-18-13 .... — 2
17 0- Big Brother (H. Morriss), M. Prescott, 3-7-10 .. G. Duffield 5
19 304023- Kings Drum (D. Demetri), P. Metcalfe, 3-7-10 J. Higgins 11
20 0000-4 Carols Mood (W. Crudgington), N. Adam, 3-7-7 S. Webster 5
22 00002-3 Royal Feast (M. W. Easterby), Easterby, 3-7-7 E. Johnson 7
23 04400-0 Swanee Castle (Mrs Hodges), D. Holmes, 3-7-7 C. Eccleston 8

7-4 Royal Feast, 9-2 Big Brother, 11-2 Breakaduck, 8-1 Bright Cap, Om Shree, 10-1 Czardas Prince, 12-1 Derriene, Kings Drum, 16-1 others.

Teesside Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Naughty Pigeon. 1.45 Rose Petite. 2.15 Pal Dan. 2.45 Liberty Light. 3.15 Red Quince. 3.45 Queensway. 4.15 Breakaduck.

Liverpool selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Pennina. 2.30 Dramatist. 3.5 WINTER RAIN is specially recommended. 3.40 Gurney Slade. 4.10 Moor Lad. 4.40 Nopac.

Pontefract results

1.45 (3.49) SPRING PLATE (2-y-o: £345: 5f)

Porcupine Pie, b c, by Ilia Laudo—Smoke Tree (Mrs G. Woolgar), 8-4 .... A. Cousins (3-1) 1
Poplaw Kate, ch f, by Sovereign Gleam—One Rose (K. Parsons), 8-1 .... P. Eddery (10-1) 2
The Little Poem, ch f, by Whistling Wind—Risky Rendezvous (P. Cole), 7-10 .. A. Cressy (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Old Hall, 10-1 Oakley Supreme, Venus of Streatham, 4-1 Armidale (4th), 16-1 Daves Equal, Gipsy Last, 25-1 Olivarnie's Dandy, 3-1 Bandytech, Boy Marvel, Put Up, Josey Spring. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 21p, 20p, 7p. K. Payne, at Middleham. Sh hd, 1l.

.15 (3.19) WAKEFIELD STAKES (2-y-o: £374: 5f)

Le Dix-Sept, gr c, by Florescence—Quippy (S. Ribeck), 8-6 T. Lappin (7-2) 1
Ire Glaze, ch c, by Laser Light—Nobody's Child (P. Milner), 7-13 G. Morgan (13-1) 2
Crespin Lad, br g, by Pinsun—Gresham (J. Taylor), 8-3 E. Johnson (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Foxy Fanny (4th), 7-1 Prince Glen, 12-1 Pall Tavi, Isanic, Rorel, 14-1 Knight of Barter, 6-1 Travelling Show. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 27p, 95p, ..p; dual forecast, £1.67. K. Payne, at Middleham. 1l, 1l. Thatched House ..d did not run.

.45 (3.49) HARDWICK HANDICAP (£690 : 1m 2f)

Irresistible Miss, br f, by High Hat—Line Of Defence (H. Popper), 4-8-3 .... W. Carson (2-1 fav) 1
Pahlond, b c, by Pavch—Blonde Bomb (H. Key), 4-9-8 M. Birch (9-2) 2
Zeldus, b g, by Klairon—Timura (C. Wardman), 5-9-5 E. Hide (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-2 Green Signal, 9-1 ..aika, 10-1 Tudor Lord, 12-1 Whitlow Green, Gold Coin, 14-1 Murton Crags (4th), Erra, 20-1 French Warrior, Golden Pistol. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 15p, 19p, ..p. C. Brittain, at Newmarket. ¾l, 3l. ..aspray did not run.

.15 (4.16) BENTLEY HANDICAP (£588 : 6f)

Day Two, ch g, by Blast—Rovira (R. Payne), 6-9-1 E. Apter (3-1 fav) 1
Crawby Lad, b c, by Shooting Chant—Ginger Puss (A. Bullent), 4-8-8 ..... P. Eddery (13-2) 2
Ayoswannee, gr f, by My Swannee—Anagram (F. Iso), 4-9-11 B. Taylor (100-30) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Rod Rodney, 6-1 Tanaris, 12-1 Caribbean Boy, Relative Ease (4th), 14-1 Will's Star, 16-1 Big Jake. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 17p, 16p, 19p; dual forecast, £2.35. V. Mitchell, Worksop. ¾l, 10l.

4.45 (4.46) HAREWOOD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £621: 1m)

Friendly Boy, br c, by Be Friendly—Quantity (S. Reakes), 8-10 G. Lewis (3-1) 1
Halsall, b c, by Hotfoot—Jeanne D'Ex (Mrs W. Barrett), 8-0 K. Leason (4-1) 2
Carlton Saint, ch c, by Welsh Saint—Veuve Joyeuse (F. Reacher), 8-6 C. Moss (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Spirit Lake, 9-2 Mantop (disq), 8-1 Karabita (4th), 20-1 Astronomist. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 21p, 21p; dual forecast, 77p. F. Carr, at Malton. 1l, 4l. After an objection by the clerk of the scales to the fourth horse, Mantop was disqualified and placed last. Distant Cousin did not run.

5.15 (5.16) FRYSTON STAKES (£543: 1m 4f)

Regular Guy, b c, by Right Royal V—Italian Girl (W. Sherman), 4-8-7 .. G. Lewis (11-4 on fav) 1
Breeriee, ch f, by Canisbay—So Alone (C. Payne-Crofts), 5-8-9 R. Edmondson (6-1) 2
Tattenham Fair, b h, by Bold Lad—Nisette (A. Botion), 5-9-5 P. Eddery (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 20-1 Cinder Track, 33-1 Alf's Carino (4th). 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 12p; forecast, 38p. B. Hills, at Lambourn, 1½l, 2l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Irresistable Miss and Friendly Boy, £7.30. TREBLE: Le Dix-Sept, Day Two and Regular Guy, £11.95.

Devon and Exeter

2.0 (2.02) WHIPTON BARTON STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Novices: £306: 2m 40yd)

Mr Snowman, b g, by Arctic Slave—Fogle Maiden (Mrs V. Pole), 6-12-0 .. G. Thorner (8-11 fav) 1
Bit of Manny, b g, by Manicou—Gold Bit (Exors of the late P. Blackburn), 6-11-0 P. Keane (11-1) 2
Another Lad, ch g, by Entanglement—Miss Peter (Mrs P. Amery), 9-11-7 G. Shoemark (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Pensive Prince (pu), 9-1 Flying Fred, 10-1 Barrow Chief (4th), 25-1 Harnage, Barnie, Easter Parade, Frosted, High Talk, Laudon Hall, Lord Aitka, Whirlpool, Mockierstown (pu). 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 12p, 22p, 34p. T. Forster, at Wantage. 5l, 5l. Hilacker, King Credo did not run.

2.30 (2.32) BURNT HOUSE LANE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £306: 2m 40yd)

Never Worry, b g, by Never Dwell—Channel Flight (F. Crumpler), 5-11-5 .. M. Wagner (7-2 fav) 1
Cochineal, b m, by Red Slipper—Sheila Ryan (Mrs A. White), 7-11-7 ..... G. Thorner (9-1) 2
Tussore, b c, by French Beige—Silk II (E. West), 5-11-5 L. Lungo (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Golden Bob, 6-1 Scotch Salmon (4th), Young King, 8-1 Great Waltz, 13-1 Double Mint, 16-1 Proceed, Timothy John, 20-1 Billy Whiz, Eastern Orchid, Somo Court, Sandgrounder, Shoot the Lights, Golden Metropolis (pu). 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 18p, 30p, 47p. W. Fisher, at Chewton Mendip. Sh hd, 2½l. Master H, April Girl, Jester's Girl did not run.

3.0 (3.01) WHIPTON BARTON STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £306: 2m 40yd)

Purbeck Pylon, ch g, by Indigenous—Flying Pylon (H. Perry), 8-11-7 N. Wakley (10-1) 1
Four By Two, br g, by Fortina—Nicholas Mop (Mrs R. Pym), 7-12-0 .... J. Fox (1-2 fav) 2
Isle of Wight, b h, by White Fire III—Ballsland Queen (L. Stevens), 7-12-0 .... S. May (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-1 Innkeeper pu, 14-1 Rosbay pu. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.08; dual forecast, 32p. N. Wakley, at Taunton. 4l, 10l. Organized Chaos, Montibazon did not run.

3.30 (3.30) HILL BARTON HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 3m 1f)

Master Spy, b g, by Master Owen—Sell Out (Mrs T. Sainsbury), 6-11-3 .... G. Thorner (2-1 fav) 1
Jock's Relief, b g, by Jock Scot—Missed Fired (A. Strange), 9-10-13 .... A. Andrews (25-1) 2
Hogan Hills, ch g, by Miralgo—Tiara III (F. Clegg), 6-11-0 L. Lungo (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Vardi (4th), Flydal, 7-1 Cheapside, Water Splash, 9-1 Blazing Blaze, 33-1 Sayroy, Stepharion, Just the Job, Plumbers Bridge, Baytree, Birdmaster, Cornish Gale. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 18p, 70p, 24p. T. Forster, at Wantage. 10l, 2½l. Spartelo did not run.

4.0 (4.01) BEACON HEATH HURDLE (Handicap: £372: 2m 40yd)

Golden Fighter, br g, by Aggressor—Andrys (I. Coldstein), 5-11-8 R. Atkins (100-30) 1
Naval Power, ch g, by North Fleet—Sepe Flower (J. Thomas), 5-10-2 .... R. Hyett (13-8 fav) 2
Silver Rondo, b g, by Silver Cloud—Hasty Rondon (Mrs C. James), 4-10-0 ..... C. Candy (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 Midday Welcome (4th), 14-1 Daybrook Jane, Don Barrado, 16-1 Reginalds Tower, 20-1 Kitton Princess (pu). 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 12p, 12p, 32p; dual forecast, 55p. V. Cross, at Stockbridge. 15l, 10l. Super Max Golden Litchen, The Donstan, Goldspur, Zanya, did not run.

4.30 (4.30) STOKE HILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 3m 1f)

Merry Maker, ch h, by Hornbeam—Festival (A. Mildmay-White), 10-11-5 N. Wakley (5-1 jt fav) 1
Vulkis, b g, by Vulgan—Pets Girl (D. Scott), 12-9-7 Mr P. Hobbs (5-1 jt fav) 2
Prophecy, ch g, by Zarathustra—Parlez Vous (Mrs C. Richards), 12-10-2 (bl) .. S. May (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt fav Mocharabuice, 6-1 Highland Abbe (p), Sixer (4th), 13-2 Solotown, 8-1 Sailing Oak (p), 16-1 Kulawand (p). 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 20p, 18p, 28p; dual forecast, £1.56. G. Doidge, at Holbeton. 3l, 1l. Red Candle, The Sea Lion, Grigland Green and Ballywalter did not run.

5.0 (5.04) BURNT HOUSE LANE HURDLE (Div II: novices: £306: 2m 40yds)

Leisure Bay, b f, by Jock Scot—Nut Brown (G. Tanner), 4-10-12 G. Thorner (5-2) 1
Sea Picture, b c, by Gulf Pearl—Portray, F. Gorman, 6-11-0 car 11-1 ...... Mr D. Curtis (9-1) 2
Scot Free, bl f, by Jock Scot—Star Colony (Exors of late P. Blackburn), 5-10-12 P. Koane (2-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 Walafolla (4th), 7-1 Dicopin, 12-1 Pemba, 16-1 West Penhill, 20-1 Dixie Boy, Trade Mark (p), Siegl, Jimmy One. 11 ran.

TOTE: win, 38p; places, 23p, 28p, 15p. I. Wardle, at Wells, Somerset. 12l, sh hd. Elegant Maeve, Eastern Magic, Henry's Doublet, Just Jolly and Paymaster did not run.

5.30 (5.31) BURNT HOUSE LANE HURDLE (Div III: novices: £306: 2m 40yds)

Cupid, ch c, by Midsummer Night II—Bandarilla (G. Lugg), 5-11-12 G. Thorner (4-5 fav) 1
Retaliation, b c, by Tit for Tat II—Miss Julie (Mrs C. Greenslade), 5-11-5 .... J. Guest (11-1) 2
Just for Sure, gr g, by Perhapsburg—Jenny Junior (Mrs S. Reynolds), 4-10-12 C. Candy (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Ogeno, 11-1 Raucous (4th), 12-1 Petite Culotte, 20-1 Kent's Mill, O'Burro, Hullo Again. 9 ran.

TOTE: win, 19p; places, 12p, 25p, 38p; dual forecast, 65p. T. Forster, at Wantage. 15l, 20l. Christmas Chorus, Melody Time and Sugar Palm did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Purbeck Pylon, Golden Fighter, £15.70. TREBLE: Never Worry, Master Spy, Merry Maker, £21.55.

Shopping

Fashion extra by Prudence Glynn



● Basil Kardasis, born in Corfu and brought up in Australia, has been invited to contribute to the first Festival of Arts in Victoria, Australia, which opened at the city's National Gallery on March 24. Kardasis, one of the exceptionally talented menswear designers produced in recent years by the Royal College of Art, works now for *Burtons, the largest ready-to-*wear manufacturers in Europe and the largest bespoke tailors in the world. However, for the celebrations in his erstwhile homeland he has relaxed into the couture lines of very short jacket with big shoulders—reminiscent of the matador's bolero in its brevity and revelation of the lower half of the body. However, Kardasis replaces the skintight knee-breeches of the bullring with wide, soft Oxford bags which might give students of the implications of dress an ambi*guity to consider. The jacket is* in printed Cantoni velvet by Bernard Nevill with black velvet trousers, a knitted waistcoat and white silk shirt and black velvet bowtie.



● I have often thought that there can be nothing more uncomfortable for a man to wear while working at a desk than the jacket of the traditional suit—indeed the incidence of shirt-sleeves even in winter proves it a most constricting garment. On the other hand men who go out and about during their working day are still largely confined to suits for official wear, and so the problem becomes one of providing a practical alternative for the desk hours which is warm, flexible enough for the relaxed postures of after-lunch creative moments, neat enough not to be an embarrassment when the boss walks in, and chic enough to save wear and tear on the precious suit.

The obvious answer is a knitted jacket of some sort, but while you can buy chic gilets and waistcoats the moment you try for something with sleeves it becomes a baggy, lugubrious affair with pockets on the hips into which the hands are irresistibly thrust, more suitable for the garden or the pub than for business.

Hence *The Times* office jacket knitting pattern today. It was ispired by Pimm Turley of Kingston Polytechnic's prize-winning design in the Alan Paine competition last year. It fits as closely as a waistcoat, it has no outside pockets, it is shaped and styled as a fashion garment, the pattern is formal and lends itself to all sorts of imaginative colourings—clover, sage and airforce blue are ones the more dashing might work on, or grey with rust and claret—or ice-cream colours for a Gatsby look for summer. The secret ingredient is the invisible inside breast pocket so that when you have to leave the office wallet, keys and pen can be taken along too.

Designed exclusively for us and made up in Hayfields Beaulon Yarns, 4 ply, machine washable from John Barkers, Kensington High Street, London W8, and other large department stores. The cardigan is in three sizes, 38in (97cm), 40in (102cm) 42in (107cm). The cost of each to make up, £3.04, £3.20 and £3.84.

For your free knitting pattern please send a large stamped addressed envelope to Susan Shanks and Partners, Pattern Offer code 007, 10 Little Turnstile, London, WC1. The cardigan can be found on display in the wool department at John Barkers from April 2. Terylene and worsted, machine washable, check trousers £8.50. Cotton shirt £5.99. Tweed tie £1.99. All from Marks & Spencer.

Photograph by Peter Akehurst



Illustration by Norman Messenger

● Now that one's luggage is searched everywhere on airline trips and the investigators have no compunction in spewing out the most personal items onto their counters, neatness in packing becomes rather more than just something nanny expected. All those hard, suspicious, strange-shaped items can be put together in one easily inspected roll with this pretty travel aid from Molton Brown. Basically it takes their hair care products, then you fill in the other pockets as you want.

In a Designer's Guild cotton print, the basic fabric case contains their elm and lemon hand cream, hair conditioner of camomile, rosemary and nettles, one of their two shampoos based on camomile and rosemary and "Parasol", a lotion to block out the ultra-violet rays of the sun, which can damage your hair. All products come in plastic containers to ensure safe travel. The basic kit costs £6.95 (mail order 50p pp), from Molton Brown, 58 South Molton Street, London, W1.

● Older customers still recovering from the demolition of the mahogany splendours of Marshall and Snelgrove's ladies' rooms have another shock in store when the well established charms of Debenham and Freebody in Wigmore Street are re-*christened Harvey Nichols.*

On the other hand those who will benefit from the other new departure at the flagship of the Debenham group, and these are men, will not have to run the gamut of any possible protests of those who disapprove of such goings on, because the new man's shop which opened on Tuesday wisely has its own entrance at the corner of Wigmore and Welbeck Street.

It also wisely stocks a complete range of clothing and most wisely of all, the department will follow the trend of selling jacket, waistcoat and trousers separately.

P.S. *Reactionaries* may as well know that there is already a men's health club operating in the basement of Debenham and Freebody, and weight-conscious executives can be seen flashing up and down a rather small swimming pool. So perhaps the whole thing will be less painful to contemplate when this is called Harvey Nichols.

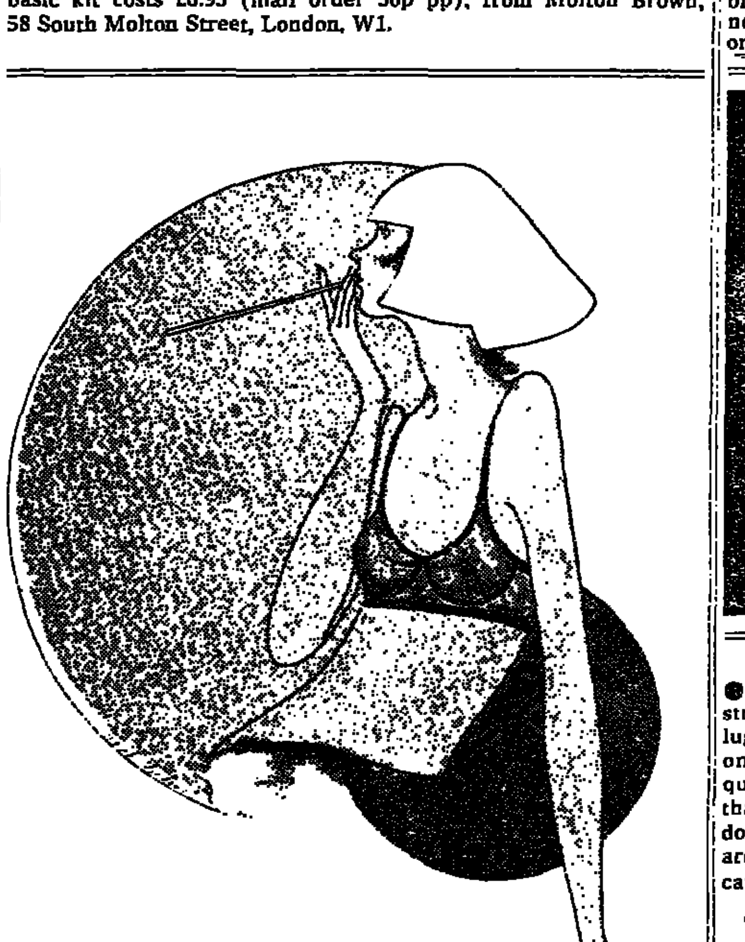


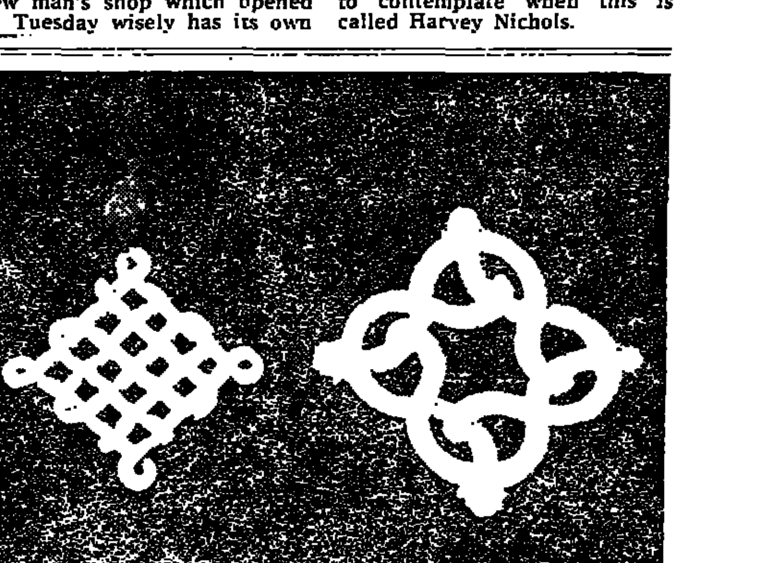
Illustration by Merian Graham

● My personal shopping patterns are constantly disrupted by the fact that no sooner have I found something I can afford, which fits me and which has the potential for repeat purchases in my life, say, a make of trousers or a bra—whoever makes them immediately stops doing so. I always seem to be on the end of the production line, perhaps because it takes me so long to get out and buy anything that public demand has waned by the time I get to the shop.

I thought today was going to illustrate another of these frustrations, but the story has a happy ending. I bought the bra above from S. Weiss in Shaftesbury Avenue, and was intoxicated by the fact that it really did seem to be human shaped, fitted, was comfortable and, dare one say it, flattering instead of being cut with those *awful horizontal seams which* transform the breasts into a fish's mouth shape, or made of such languid cloth that you might as well wear nothing.

Weiss, who are tremendously efficient, warned me that the bra was being discontinued, and my heart sank. However, De We's Mr Watson assures me that it is only being discontinued in that particular fabric I had a sort of transparent nylon net which looks like the stuff Courreges always used for his sheer dress tops.

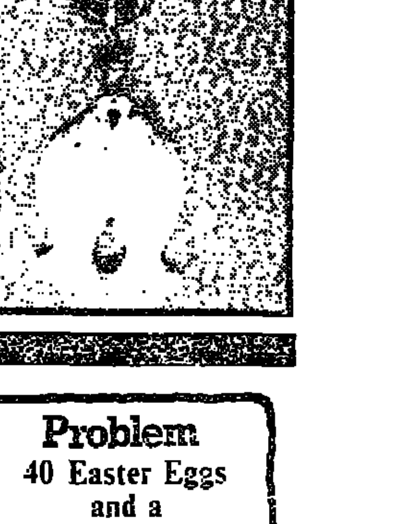
This fabric is now unobtainable, but the excellent shape of the bra is available in a rigid tricot and in a softer Diolen material. Meanwhile, Weiss still have the bra in the original material, style 1125, price £2.80, from 59 Shaftesbury Avenue. De We underpinnings are available from top stores throughout the country.



● Anyone who has ever struggled back from a holiday lugging some local treasure only to find it looks or tastes quite diferent at home knows that there are things which just do not travel. Fashion items are particularly true of this category.

Those funny shoes, so right for the rocky Mediterranean coast, do not last a moment on the London pavements; that ravishing hat with the fertility symbols embroidered round the brim just gets you strange looks at your cousin's wedding. So too does the wrong sort of ethnic jewelry. *On the other hand, the great* pieces, in which classic motifs are wedded to real creative skill and an understanding of modern trend, are treasures anywhere, and this is just the sort of work at which Kai-Yin Lo excels.

She works in black jade, ivory, tiger's eye, crystal, gold and coral—the tradirional materials of the Far East. She sells all over the West, in London from Emeline, in *Beauchamp Place, from Jones* in Beauchamp Place, and from Ken Lane in the Burlington Arcade.



Problem
40 Easter Eggs and a Chimney Sweep
were just two of the requests we had at Problem this week. Both were wanted within the hour. Both arrived. The eggs were filled with whisky ... but not the chimney sweep! If you've got a practical problem, we've usually got the solution. To join Problem, give us a ring. Or send for our leaflet to 179 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.
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ENTERTAINMENTS

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OPERA AND BALLET

COVENT GARDEN 240 1911 THE ROYAL OPERA Tonight 7.30 & Sat. 2.00 La Boheme. Mon. 7.30 (Prom) Il barbiere di Siviglia. Seats avail. Sat. mat. THE ROYAL BALLET Tomorrow & Tues. (Prom) 7.30 Scenes de ballet. Four Schumann Pieces. Song of the Earth. Sat. & Wed. (Prom) 7.30 The Four Seasons. Daphnis & Chloe. The Concert. Seats avail. Wed.

COVENT GARDEN PROMS April 7 to 12. 700 STALLS PROMENADE PLACES at 50p available from 1 hour before curtain up.

COLISEUM 01-836 3161 NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA Evenings 7.30. Sat. mats. 2.30. Tonight: GISELLE Augustyn/Kain/Potts April 4: GISELLE Stefanschi/Tennant/Harwood April 5 (Mat.): DON JUAN/KETTENTANZ Stefanschi/Schramek/Harwood/Kain/Augustyn/Corey April 5 (Eve.): DON JUAN/KETTENTANZ Augustyn/Corey/Tennant/Potts/Kain/Harwood/Schramek/Stefanschi April 7: COPPELIA Tennant/Schramek/Gorrissen April 8: COPPELIA Jago/Surmeyan/Patsalas April 9: GISELLE Nureyev/Tennant/Harwood April 10: GISELLE Nureyev/Kain/Potts April 11: COPPELIA Harwood/Norman/Bruhn April 12 (Mat.): COPPELIA Jago/Surmeyan/Patsalas April 12 (Eve.): COPPELIA Tennant/Nureyev/Bruhn SEATS AVAILABLE

ROUND HOUSE Tel: 267 2564 Evenings 7.30. This Sat. 7.30 BALLET RAMBERT Today: Blind-Sight/Running Figures/for those who die as cattle/The Parades Gone By

SADLER'S WELLS. 837 1672. Booking opens April 7 for Royal Academy of Music & Gothenburg Ballet; April 14 for New Opera Co. & Tokyo Ballet. Prog. avail. from Theatre or Agents.

SAVOY. 836 8888. Evenings 7.30. Mat. Sat. 2.30. Centenary Season. D'Oyly Carte in Gilbert & Sullivan.

THE PLACE, Dukes Rd. WC1 387 0161 MARGARET BEALS Dancer/Actress April 1-5. Ev. 7.30. (Members/Guests)

CONCERTS

SNAPE MALTINGS BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA WEEKEND. Sat. 12th April Orchestral Concert: Cond: Lawrence, Malcolm Williamson, Piano. Sun. 13th April: Music to Remember: Cond: Tausky. Elizabeth Tippett. Anthony Rolfe Johnson. Mon. 14th April: Young People's Concert: Cond: Lawrence (G.C.E. set works). Booking now: Aldeburgh Festival, Suffolk, IP15 5AX. Tel.: 072-885 2935.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL. Tonight 7.45 Dinorah Varsi piano. Works by Bach, Schumann, Bartok, Chopin, Albeniz.

THEATRES

ADELPHI. 836 7611. Red. price prevs. from tomor. Nightly 7.30. April 12 at 3.0 & 7.30. Opens April 15 at 7.0. Subs. 7.30. Mat. Thur. Sat. 3.0 Jean Simmons, Hermione Gingold Joss Ackland in Harold Prince's A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

ALBERY. 836 3878. Mon. to Fri. 8. Sats. 5.15 & 8.30. Mat. Thurs. at 3. DOROTHY TUTIN PETER EGAN DOROTHY REYNOLDS. CLIVE MORTON in J. M. Barrie's Comedy WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS "A supreme comedy."—S. Tms. "Superb. Delightful. A triumph."—D. Mail.

ALDWYCH 836 6404. 1975 World Theatre Season. This week: Poland's Cracow Stary Theatre in Wyspianski's NOVEMBER NIGHT directed by Andrzej Wajda. (Evgs. 7.30, Mat. Sat. 2.30); Next week Sweden's Gothenburg Stadsteater in Strindberg's GUSTAV III. Recorded booking inf. 836 5332.

AMBASSADORS. 836 1171. Transfers here (from Criterion) with new cast April 14. Subs. Mon.-Thurs. 8.15. Fri. & Sats. 6.30 and 8.45. THERE GOES THE BRIDE

APOLLO 437 2663 Comm. April 10 at 7.0. Subs. 8.0 Mats. Thurs. 3.0. Sats. 5.0 & 8.30. MARGARET LEIGHTON ALEC GUINNESS A FAMILY & A FORTUNE

ARTS. Theatre Club. 836 3334. Great Newport St. (adj. Leics. Sq. Underground). Instant temp. Mbrshp. avail. 15p. Opens Apl. 17. Tue.-Sun. 8. Kings Head Theatre Prodn. KENNEDY'S CHILDREN "The play is fantastic." Observer.

CAMBRIDGE 836 6056. Evgs. 8. Sat. 5.45, 8.30. Tue. (all seats £1.50) 3. "London's best musical in 25 years!" JACK THE RIPPER Children under 15 Admission free. Last 2 weeks. Must end April 12.

CAMBRIDGE. 836 6056. Opens April 24 at 7.0. The Wild & Wonderful Production of THE BLACK MIKADO Previews from April 17.

COMEDY. 930 2578. Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Th. 3.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30 HONOR BLACKMAN MARY URE BRIAN BLESSED RONALD HINES THE EXORCISM A New Play by DON TAYLOR

CRITERION. 930 3216. Evgs. 8. Sats. 5.45 & 8.30 THE NEW COMEDY HIT BRILLIANT BERNARD CRIBBINS Geoffrey Terence Jane SUMNER ALEXANDER DOWNS BILL PERTWEE and "EXPERT" PEGGY MOUNT.—Stage. THERE GOES THE BRIDE "VERY FUNNY."—E. News. Transfers to Ambassadors Theatre with new cast April 14.

CRITERION. 930 3216. Prevs from Apl 9. Opens Apl 14 at 7: subs Mon-Thurs 8. Fri. Sat 5.45, 8.45 MARTY BRILL as LENNY (Based on the life and words of Lenny Bruce).

DRURY LANE. 836 8108. Evgs 7.30. Matinees Weds. & Sats. 2.30. MICHAEL CRAWFORD in BILLY A NEW MUSICAL "CRAWFORD'S ASTONISHING TALENT MUST BE ONE OF THE SIGHTS OF LONDON NO RESIDENT OR VISITOR SHOULD MISS."—S. Exp.

DUCHESS. 836 8243. Evenings 8.0. Fri., Sat. 6.15, 9.0. ALIVE ON STAGE OH! CALCUTTA! OVER 1,500 PERFORMANCES BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL. S. Tel THE NUDITY IS STUNNING.—D. Tel.

DUKE OF YORK'S. 836 5122 Mon.-Fri. 8. Sat. 5 & 8. Weds 2.30 Anna Tony Alan NEAGLE BRITTON GIFFORD in William Douglas Home's THE DAME OF SARK "SUPERB"—Harold Hobson

FORTUNE. 836 2238. Evenings 8.0. Sat. 5.30. 8.30. Thurs. 2.45 red. prices SLEUTH "THE BEST THRILLER EVER" N.Y. Times. 6th GREAT YEAR.

GARRICK. 836 4601. Evgs. 8.0 SHARP Mat. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30 MURDERER by ANTHONY SHAFFER "VASTLY ENTERTAINING BLEND OF COMEDY AND SUSPENSE. THIS ONE WOULD BE A CRIME TO MISS." Mir.

GLOBE THEATRE. 437 1592 BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR Evening Standard Drama Award TOM COURTENAY in THE NORMAN CONQUESTS by ALAN AYCKBOURN R'ND & R'ND THE GARDEN. Tnt. 8.15. Sat 8.30. Wed. 3.0: TABLE MANNERS. Tomor., Mon., Wed. 8.15: LIVING TOGETHER. Sat. 5.30. Tu. 8.15.

GREENWICH 858 7755. Evgs 8.0. Mats Sat 2.30. THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST by Oscar Wilde.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE CLUB. 722 9301. Nightly at 8. Sat. 2.45 & 8. ALPHABETICAL ORDER A new comedy by Michael Frayn. Transfers Mayfair Th. April 8. Open April 15—THE PEOPLE SHOW

HAYMARKET. 930 9832. Evgs. 7.45 Mat. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 4.30 & 8.0. JOHN CLEMENTS in Ronald Millar C. P. Snow's THE CASE IN QUESTION "An excellent evening's entertainment ... An enthralling story."—Harold Hobson, Sunday Times. "Absorbing ... a lot of people are going to enjoy this play."—J. Barber, Daily Telegraph.

HER MAJESTY'S. 930 6606. Prevs. from April 11 at 7.30. April 19 2.30 & 7.30. Opens April 22 at 7.0. Subs 7.30. Mat. Wed. Sat. 3.30 DAVID HEMMINGS in JEEVES with MICHAEL ALDRIDGE Book & Lyrics ALAN AYCKBOURN Music ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

JEANNETTA COCHRANE THEATRE Southampton Row, W.C.1. Opens Ton't at 7. Subs. 7.45. Sat. 5 & 8 CLIVE SWIFT DAVID SWIFT & ROSEMARY MARTIN in THE TWO OF ME A comedy by Stanley Price Tkts. £1.50-£1.00n 242 7040.

KINGS HEAD THEATRE CLUB. 226 1916. Lunchtime 1.15 POLYNESIAN PRIME MINISTER.

KING'S ROAD THEATRE. 352 7488 Mon. to Thurs 9.0. Fri. Sat. 7.30 9.30 THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW "BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR" Eve. Standard DRAMA AWARD '73

LITTLE ANGEL MARIONETTE THEATRE, 14 Dagmar Passage, N.1. 01-226 1787. Daily, March 29-April 13, 3 p.m.: ABRAKADARRA. Sats 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thurs., April 3 and 10 at 8 p.m.

LYRIC. 437 3686 Evenings 8.0 Fri. 8.30 Th. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30 JOHN, PAUL, GEORGE, RINGO ... & BERT—Evg. Stan. Award ... Best musical of the year. Plays & Players Award BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR

MAYFAIR. 629 3036. Last week. Evgs 8.15. Sat. 6.0 & 8.15 An Evening with HINGE & BRACKET "Stylishly funny."—Gdn ALPHABETICAL ORDER by Michael Frayn. Opens April 8.

MERMAID. 248 7656. Rest. 248 2835 Evgs. 8.15. Wed. & Sat. 5.0 & 8.15 COLE Last two weeks. Opens April 21: Shaw's DOCTOR'S DILEMMA

NEW LONDON THEATRE. 405 0072 Evgs. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 5.30, 8.30 "SUPERB SHEILA HANCOCK" "VERSATILE GEORGE COLE" in DEJA REVUE "Blissfully funny."—D. Mirror Fri. 5.30 perf.—£1.25 & 50p.

OLD VIC THE NATIONAL THEATRE (928 7616). Today 2.15 (reduced price mat.) Tonight & Wed. next 7.30: Henrik Ibsen's JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN Tomorrow & Tue. 7.30, Sat. 2.15: HEARTBREAK HOUSE Sat. at 8, Mon. next 7.30: HAPPY DAYS SEATS ALWAYS AVAILABLE DAY OF PERFORMANCE FROM 10 A.M. Now booking to 31 May

PALACE. 437 6834. Mon. to Fri. 8.0. Fri. & Sat. at 6.0 & 8.40 JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

PALLADIUM. 437 7373 Evgs. 7.30, Mats. Wed., Sat. 2.45 The New Hit Musical HANS ANDERSEN

PHOENIX THEATRE. 836 8611 Evgs. 8.0, Sat. 5.0 & 8.30 ELAINE STRITCH a brilliant performance.—Gdn. in NEIL SIMON'S Comedy THE GINGERBREAD LADY LAST WEEK—Must end April 5

PHOENIX. 836 8611. Prevs. from April 10 at 8.0. April 12 at 5.30, 8.30. Opens April 16 at 7.0 HARRY WORTH AVRIL ANGERS "NORMAN, IS THAT YOU?"

PICCADILLY 437 4506. Mon. to Fri. 8 Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. Mat. Wed. 2.45 DINAH SHERIDAN. JACK WATLING RAYMOND FRANCIS in a new thriller by FRANCIS DURBRIDGE THE GENTLE HOOK

PRINCE OF WALES 930 8681 Red. price prevs. Nightly 8.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. Opens April 9 at 7.0. Subs. 8.0. Mat. Wed. Sat. 5.0. JAMES STEWART in HARVEY LIMITED SEASON ONLY

QUEENS. 734 1166. Evgs. 7.30 sharp Mat. Thurs. 2.30. Sat. 4.45 & 8.15 JOAN PLOWRIGHT FRANK FINLAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY Directed by FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI

RAYMOND REVUEBAR THEATRE 734 1593. At 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. PAUL RAYMOND presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA '75

REGENT. 580 1744. Mon. to Thur. Evgs. 8.30. Fri. Sat. 7.0 & 9.15 8TH MONTH OF SENSATIONAL STAGE SHOW OF THE SEVENTIES LET MY PEOPLE COME—AN ADULT MUSICAL "Never a dull moment". E. News. 100 tickets held for sale at door.

ROYAL COURT. 730 1745. Last week. Evening 7.30. Sat. 5 & 8.30 DON'S PARTY by DAVID WILLIAMSON

ST. MARTIN'S. 836 1443. Evgs. 8. Mats. Tues. 2.45 and Sats. 5 & 8 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP 23RD YEAR WORLD'S LONGEST-EVER RUN

SHAFTESBURY. 01-836 6596 Mon.-Fri. 8.0 (Mat. Fri. 5.0—Reduced 75p-£1.50). Sat. 5.30, 8.30 WEST SIDE STORY "Bursting to life with undiminished theatrical excitement."—S. Tel. "A definite winner ... I strongly recommend it."—F. Times. "Miracle." Gdn. "Brilliant." S. Tel.

SHAFTESBURY. 01-836 4255 BACK FOR SPECIAL EASTER SEASON THE WOMBLES OF WIMBLEDON Daily 2.0 Sat. 11.0 & 2.0 Until April 12

SHAW. 388 1394. Evgs. 7.30. Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. Hywel Bennett. Ruth Dunning. Caroline Mortimer in NIGHT MUST FALL by Emlyn Williams. Directed by Nigel Patrick.

STRAND. 836 2660. Evgs. 8.0 Mat. Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.30, 8.30 Doris HARE. Leo FRANKLYN Richard CALDICOT. Andrew SACHS NO SEX PLEASE—WE'RE BRITISH "Hysterically funny."—S. Times.

THEATRE AT NEW END 435 4116 KASPAR by Peter Handke. 7.45 p.m. "Authentic instant classic." Observer.

THEATRE UPSTAIRS 730 2554 THE DOOMDUCKERS BALL — a cabaret/revue with bar. Evenings at 8.15. Until Sat.

THEATRE WORKSHOP. Stratford. E15. 534 0310. Opens Tonight at 7.30 Subs. Evenings 8. BLOODY MARY

VAUDEVILLE. 836 9988. Evgs. 8.0 Mat. Tue. 3.0 Sat. 5.30, 8.40 MILLICENT MARTIN AMANDA BARRIE in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR "BEST COMEDY OF THE YEAR" Evening Standard Award '73.

VICTORIA PALACE 834 1317 Evgs. 8.0. Wed. Sat. 6.0. 8.45 MAX BYGRAVES "SWINGALONGAMAX" New Song & Laughter Spectacular with Rogers & Starr. Bobby Crush. Denise Keene & Happy & Full Co.

WESTMINSTER. 834 0283 Evgs. 8.0. Fri. & Sat. 5.30 & 8.30 NIGEL PATRICK DULCIE GRAY PETER SALLIS PETER VAUGHAN BRIAN WILDE in THE PAY OFF "Immensely enjoyable undiluted pleasure. Witty. Exciting." S. Times. Hit Thriller From The Comedy Th.

WHITEHALL 930 6692/7765. 6th Year Evgs. 8.30. Wed. Sat. 6.15 8.45 PAUL RAYMOND'S PYJAMA TOPS Last 5 weeks. Must close May 3. SNATCH 69 Previews from Tues., May 6. Opens May 13.

WINDMILL THEATRE. 437 6312 PAUL RAYMOND presents FIONA RICHMOND in LET'S GET LAID twice nightly at 7.0 & 9.0

WYNDHAM'S. 836 3028. Evenings 8. Sat. 5 & 8.30. Mats. Weds. at 3. PAUL SCOFIELD as Prospero "SHOULD NOT BE MISSED ON ANY ACCOUNT" B. A. Young F.T. (Limited Season) THE TEMPEST

TALK OF THE TOWN. 01-734 5051. From 8.15. Dining and Dancing AT 9.30. Revue A TOUCH OF VENUS At 11 p.m. CATERINA VALENTE Opening Monday Next FRANKIE VAUGHAN

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2 Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861. Sep. Perfs. ALL SEATS BOOKABLE. ABC 1: Mel Brooks' YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (AA). Wk. & Sun. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.30. ABC 2: MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS (A) Wk. & Sun. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.

ACADEMY ONE (437 2981). Terence Malick's BADLANDS (X). Progs. 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40. Last 7 days.

ACADEMY TWO (437 5129). Marco Leto's BLACK HOLIDAY (A). Progs. 1.0, 3.30, 6.0, 8.30. Sun. 3.30, 6.0, 8.30.

ACADEMY THREE (437 8819). Axel Corti's THE REFUSAL (A). Progs. 6.30, 8.45. Sats. 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

CASINO 437 6877 MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL (A) Progs. at 1.45, 3.30, 5.40 and 8.5.

COLUMBIA. 734 5414 BUSTER AND BILLIE (X). Cont. Progs. Dly. 1.00 not Sun., 3.30, 5.50, 8.15 Late Show Sat. 11.00.

CURZON. W.1. 499 3737. Bunuel's PHANTOM OF LIBERTE (X). Progs. 2.25 (not Sun.), 4.25, 6.30, 8.40. Late Sat. 11 p.m. Phone bookings.

GATE CINEMA. Nott. Hill. 727 5750 GALILEO (A) 1, 3.45, 6.35, 9.30 & LAST GRAVE AT DIMBAZA (A) 2.45, 5.30, 8.20, 11.15 p.m. OCCASIONAL WORK OF A FEMALE SLAVE.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252). See! Hear! Feel! TOMMY (AA) The film event of the year. Sep. Perfs. 1.20, 4.30, 8.00. Sun. 4.30, 8.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.15. All seats bkble.

MINEMA. 45 Knightsbridge 235 4225/6 Jack Lemmon, Anne Bancroft in THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE (A).

ODEON HAYMARKET. 930 2738/2771. Dirk Bogarde, Charlotte Rampling. THE NIGHT PORTER (X) Sep. Progs. Wk. 1.45, 5.00, 8.20. Sun. 4.30, 8.20. Late Show Fri. and Sat. 11.45. All seats bookable.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE 930 6111 Streisand & Caan FUNNY LADY (A) Sep. Perfs. Mon.-Fri. 2.30, 8.00. Sat. 12.30, 4.00, 8.00. Sun. 4.00, 8.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.15 All seats bkble. Box office open 10.30-8.00. Tel. 930 4416.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH. 723 2011/2 THE LAND THAT TIME FORGOT (U). Sep. Perfs. 1.30, 5.00, 8.15. Sun. 4.00, 8.15. Late Show Sat. 11.45. All seats bkble.

ODEON, ST. MARTIN'S LANE (836 0691/1811). BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE A DIME? (U). Cont. Progs. Wk. 3.30, 5.45, 8.05. Sun. 5.45, 8.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.30.

PARIS PULLMAN, Sth. Ken. 373 5898. A BIGGER SPLASH (X). Daily 2.10, 4.30, 6.40, 9.00. Progs. 2.15, 4.18, 6.30, 8.45.

PRINCE CHARLES, Leic. Sq. 437 8181 The Sensation of London EMMANUELLE (X) Sep. Perfs. Dly. (inc. Sun.), 2.45, 6.15, 9.00. Late shows 11.45 Fri. & Sat. Seats bkble—Lic'd Bar.

SCENE 2. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. Cont. Progs. Dly. from 12.30. Lte. Show 12.05 (inc. Sun.). YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (AA). Progs. 12.30, 2.45, 5.05, 7.25, 9.45, 12.05.

SCENE 3. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. Perfs. Dly. (inc. Sun.) 2.00, 5.20, 8.40, 11.45. Seats bkble. All Perfs.

SCENE 4. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. 2nd YEAR. William Blatty's THE EXORCIST (X). Directed by William Friedkin. Sep. Perfs. Dly. 12.30, 3.00, 6.15, 9.00, 11.50. Box Office Open Daily, 10-8, Sun. 12-8. Seats bkble. All Perfs.

STUDIO TWO, Oxford Cir. 437 3300. Walt Disney Productions' THE ISLAND AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD (U). Perfs: 1.15 (not Sun), 3.50, 6.25, 9.00. Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too (U). Perfs: 12.25 (not Sun.), 2.55, 5.30, 8.05.

TIMES CONTA, Baker St. Stn. 935 9772. A BIGGER SPLASH (X). Daily 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Late show every night 11 p.m.

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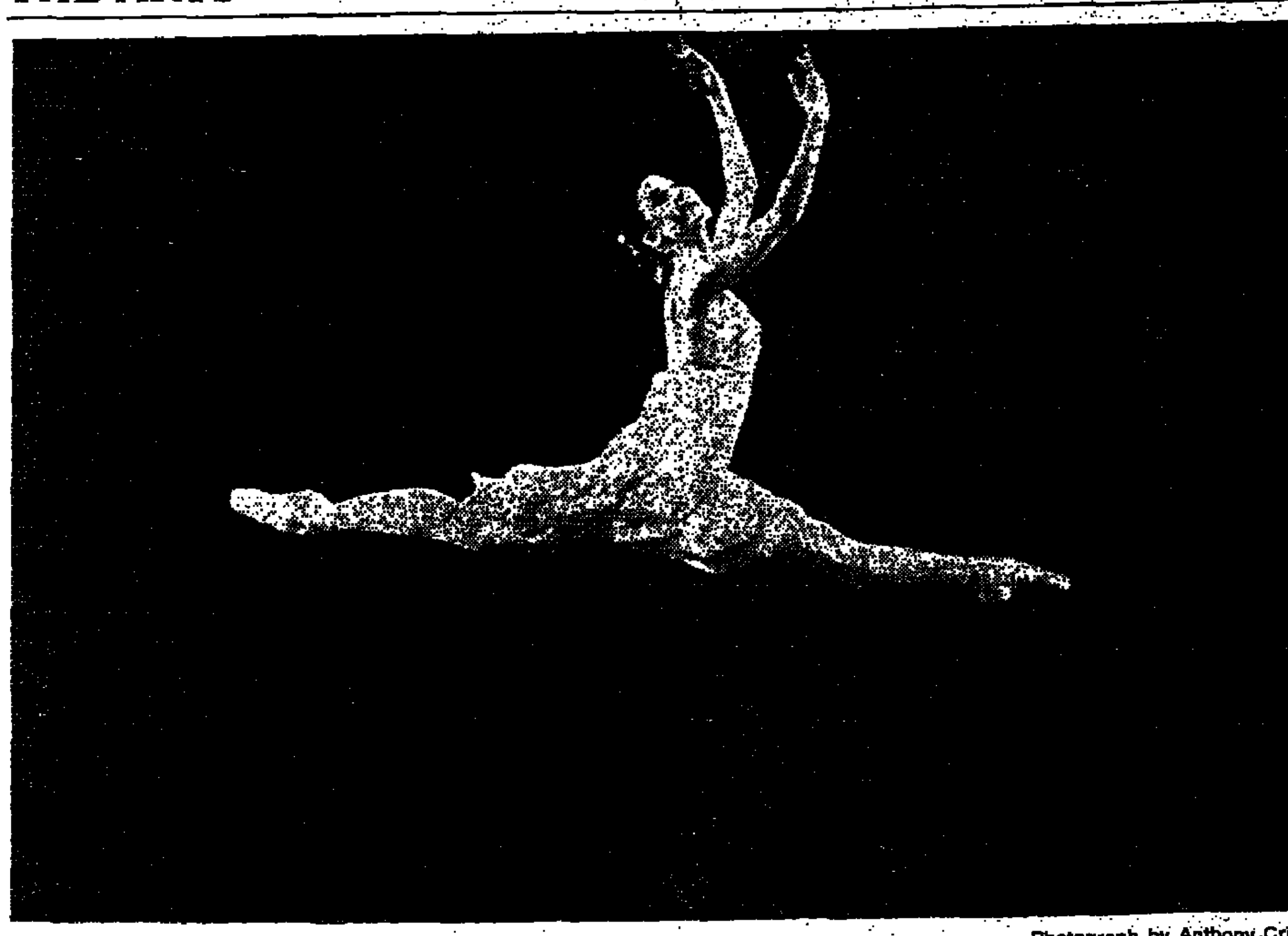
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Karen Kain in Kettentanz

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Don Juan/Kettentanz
Coliseum

John Percival

John Neumeier's *Don Juan*, which opened the Canadian National Ballet's short London season last night, presents its hero as a man capable of seducing a woman, without really trying, at her father's funeral. He is cynical enough, besides, to let his servant entertain his guests with a play about his own amorous exploits. But his heart is not in this tomfoolery, and on All Souls' Day he meets the one woman capable of stirring his narcissistic heart, who proves to be the angel of death.

As the choreographer said on this page a few days ago, Rudolf Nureyev is the ideal embodiment of the character as here depicted: *handsome*, supple, poised, the natural cynosure of all eyes, yet elusive in his privacy. Luckily the part has an intrinsic interest that makes welcome the prospect of seeing other interpretations at later performances.

I imagine, too, that the other roles may fall more into focus without Nureyev. The strong personalities of Neumeier's own *German company would* be able to match Nureyev's performance in intensity and subtlety, but the promising young Canadian dancers were mostly swamped. Only Karen Kain as Aminta (who corresponds to Zerlina in Mozart's opera) and Veronica Tennant as Doña Ana really give life to their roles. Kain especially finds genuine pathos in the character's discomfiture, looking lumpish and bedraggled, although she has not yet discovered all the potential humour of her earlier scenes.

The background of the story is very capably filled in by the company. Theirs are mainly the more *artificial parts of the* action. Neumeier has responded flexibly to the capabilities of Gluck's score, ballet's earliest musical masterpiece (although largely neglected nowadays except in Germany). The formal elements provide the basis for presenting Juan's public image; when the presages of romanticism break through, they illuminate his true nature.

The music is supplemented by an extract from Max Frisch's commentary on Juan's character (the English version recorded by Ralph Richardson) and by music from the Requiem Mass of Tomás Luis de Victoria, a contemporary of Tirso de *Molina*, who *wrote the* first play about the perennially fascinating libertine. The unlikely mixture works well.

For the gala opening, Karen Kain also danced with the effervescent Nureyev in Bournonville's *Flower Festival at Genzano* showpiece, giving a sprightly account of herself surprising in so tall a girl. Would that Gerald Arpino, choreographer of the evening's *other* ballet, had taken a lesson from Bournonville in conciseness and economy of effect.

His *Kettentanz* reminds me of one of those restaurant puddings that look better on the trolley than they taste on the palate. Too many ingredients, too much of each, too ill-assorted, and everything drowned in liqueur and cream. The music is mainly by Johann Strauss the elder, with one number by Johann Mayer, attractive stuff, even if it tends to go on too long.

For those with sweet teeth, the plums in this very mixed piece are the Schnofler Tanz solo for Nadia Potts, which must surely *be based on* pictures of the Wiesenthal sisters, and Frank Augustyn's bright, cheerful virtuosity in the Chinese Galop. The Misses Kain and Tennant have a shared solo to a Cachucha Galop, a musical form new to me and, I imagine, to most auditors.

The rest of the cast leap, run and twirl energetically in the other numbers, including the folksy opening and closing chain *dances* that give the ballet its title. For some reason that eludes me, the work is lit in colours and patterns evoking a cathedral nave: a most unlikely setting.

The Opera's away but the Swedes still play

Stockholm, the opera centre of the north, is at the moment almost opera-less: the Royal Opera House is being extensively refurbished, and the company, which is spending most of its time touring in the provinces (besides taking two Mozart productions to the Hongkong Festival), can make only occasional appearances by borrowing another theatre.

But there is plenty of music going on. On television there has been an Ingmar Bergmann production of *The Magic Flute*, filmed in the Nordic countries, which has aroused a good deal of comment (mostly unfavourable on the singing; I heard some scraps on a car radio which sounded passable); Swedish Radio has been running a "British Spring"; and in the concert halls there has been a "French Spring", which has included visits from Gilbert Amy and Diego Masson, and a Berlioz *Requiem*, and is culminating in a visit from the Orchestre de Paris under Solti and two performances last weekend of Messiaen's oratorio *La Transfiguration*.

Two performances, because the Konserthuset is not very large (it seats around 1,250); but the music really needs a large hall if—as that recurring salvo of gongs and tamtams demands—its reverberations are *to suggest* heaven-shaking and earth-shaking matters. It was written for the huge Lisbon Coliseu in 1969; I also heard it in the Albert Hall at a Prom the next year. It still strikes me as Messiaen's grandest *achievement so far, less for its* new departures (though those include the massive choral recitative which gives such force to the declamatory passages) than for its drawing together of so many seemingly *diverse threads in his music*.

Perhaps they are not entirely drawn together: Messiaen's technique, the one traditionally associated with the organist-composer whose orchestral thinking is deeply affected by *the habits of registration*, is essentially that of placing blocks of material side by side and letting them congeal if they will. They do. The oratorio brings together the apocalyptic gongs and deep brass of *Et exspecto*, *the hard, flickering* woodwind and percussion textures of *Les couleurs de la cité céleste*, the tortuous string figuration of *Chronochromie*, the sugary, glutinous harmonies and lines of *Turangalîla* (which *is* actually quoted) and above all the glittering piano writing, representing a universal aviary, which runs through most of his music.

All this came over effectively from the Stockholm Philharmonic under Antal Dorati (the orchestra's musical director until lately); he kept the music moving along, appropriately to the hall's scale, and had the orchestra and its soloists playing with precision and character (I was impressed by the solid and vigorous-sounding brass section). Yvonne Loriod was playing the piano with her usual brilliance and trenchancy. Rather less happy was the singing of the French Radio Choir, 100 strong, imported for the occasion, whose attack (particularly by their tenors) was often ragged.

I heard two other events in Stockholm. In the smaller hall at the Konserthuset—the Grünewald Room, with mural panels by the Swedish artist—I heard a soprano, Margareta Jonth, in a "Romansafton"; a young, typically Nordic voice, bright and firm, not yet very *flexible* or varied, but *handled* with taste and charm. Her programme included a set of litanies, pleasantly, rather austerely, written in a conservative idiom by the Swedish composer Carin Malmlöf-Forssling and a lively group by Ned Rorem; in two Wolf Lieder, "Nimmersatte Liebe" and "Verborgenheit", she showed a keen response to the words and the music, with some phrasing that was broad and passionate, and *in a final* Spanish group there was a good imitation of the Iberian throaty hoot.

The other concert, at the Swedish Radio, was organized by the Scandinavian music dictionary *Sohlmans musiklexikon* on the publication of the first volume of their new edition. They had happily gathered exponents of Scandinavian folk-music for the occasion. There were waltzes and *hambos* for miniature accordions, such as are still danced to on the Swedish equivalent of village greens; the item from Finland, a pot-pourri of Finnish folk melodies and hymns played on the *kantele* (a dulcet-toned cimbalom-type instrument, whose sophisticated mechanism can have been used only by quite recent folk), suggested that Helsinki too was closer to Vienna than the maps make *out*.

From Norway there was a hardanger fiddle, a sweet-toned violin with resonating strings, played in almost constant double-stopping; its drone effects and ornamental inflections hint at bagpipe music. Some Icelandic singing, of songs based on the sagas and apparently preserved in their ancient forms, was more fascinating than entertaining, with thin and harsh nasal tone, curious little slides and melismas, repetitive phraseology and narrow range. The Danish contribution was music for two lurs, bronze bugles up to eight feet long; the instruments themselves are preserved (they have mostly been found buried in marshland) but not of course their music, so we had demonstrations of their fine, noble tone and selections from the classics (Beethoven, Suppé, Wagner) as well as a splendid Bronze Age Rag.

Finally, a tape piece specially commissioned from Sven-Erik Bäck, entitled *Hommage aux grands faux-penseurs, ou Trugschlüsse aus der Musikgeschichte und Gegenwart, oder thou shalt reach the Jordan in the end or* (which I gather is comprehensible only to musicologists deeply versed in Swedish literature). The music itself, a skilful collage piece about 10 minutes long, with echoes of speech (in German), of a Baroque ensemble, and with various interesting antiphonal effects and finally a tribute to Hoffnung, was somewhat less obscure.

Stanley Sadie

20th Century-Fox Presents
BBC 2

Alan Coren

In less than 30 seconds last night, Chicago burnt down, Pearl Harbour burnt up, India fell into a hole, and the Americans landed on Omaha beach; *all of which served merely to* introduce William Holden walking away from Jennifer Jones as the theme music from "Love is a Many Splendoured Thing" set our fillings clattering in their cavities for the umpteenth time this century.

The madness upon the tiny screen went on for another hour: 15 seconds of Walter Pidgeon about to embrace somebody, only to turn into a nude *female torso* while *our* disorganized eyes were still trying to focus on his wing collar, 10 seconds of Liz Taylor wobbling in front of a tin sphinx that suddenly proved to be supported on Clara Bow's legs; and hardly had that good lady become George Raft than they were both transmogrified into a lifeboat full of Tallulah Bankhead.

What we were watching, in short, was the whole life of 20th Century-Fox flashing in front of its eyes as the hapless studio went down for the third time, a preposterous jumble of snippets resembling nothing so *much as that children's memory* game in which two million objects are put on a tray and covered with a cloth. All that remains clearly in my own stricken memory of last night's clips is Tom Mix as Dick Turpin, a bizarre incident that shed little credit on either.

Sometimes, in the still watches of the night when I begin to reflect upon the current vogue for chopping up bits of old film and gumming them to other bits on the ground that *That's Entertainment*, I wonder what other depredations lie in store. Shall we see *That's Shakespeare!* at the Aldwych, a few gobbets of *Lear* nailed to a nice bit of *Hamlet*, interspersed with a couple of Porter gags and a *Twelfth Night* song? Will *That's Dostoevsky!* soon be recycled in paperback form, all his best sentences gathered together for the first time under one cover? Whether or not whole old films should be shown on television may be open to argument. But *bits* of old films?

Geraint Jones Orchestra
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stephen Walsh

While the captive thousands go on flocking to the London Mozart Players' Festival Hall concert, Geraint Jones has difficulty in half-filling the Queen Elizabeth Hall with the same kind of programme; on the whole more freshly and intelligently performed.

That seems both unfair and stupid, but is perhaps an inevitable syndrome, like popular *beauty spots* and empty beer cans. Geraint Jones, having no box-office laurels, cannot rest on them; which is not to say that last night's concert gave the impression of having been meticulously prepared to the last semiquaver. It had a certain intellectual animation, as if the music had been recently discovered or was for some reason seldom played.

That was true, in fact, only of one work, Haydn's Symphony No 47 in G, which has the misfortune to belong to his *Sturm und Drang* period without itself being a *Sturm und Drang* work apart from a few jagged harmonies and an experimental minuet (of which there are also some in early Haydn) apparently constructed as a series of palindromes. Mr Jones conducted a sparkling and athletic performance of this attractive symphony. But, more surprisingly, he managed also to revitalize Mozart's over-played G minor *Symphony K550, playing it in* the version without clarinets, with brisk but not hurried tempi, and without the insufferable slow movement repeats. Some of the wind playing was a little untidy, and there were some unsettled rhythms; but the total effect of the performance was extremely invigorating.

I should like to say the same of Hiro Imamura's playing in the E flat *Piano* Concerto, K271; but it was a dull performance, mostly too slow and not always ideally agile. At her best Miss Imamura displayed elegance and a certain quiet sensibility—a temperament perhaps better suited to Chopin than to Mozart.

Medici Quartet
Purcell Room

Alan Blyth

To perform Bartok's second quartet with the maturity, technical control and understanding shown in last night's Westmorland concerts in the Purcell Room was indication enough that the Medici has become one of our leading groups in this field, despite its extreme youth. The four players were able to encompass the lyrical and angular aspects of the compelling work and forge them into a unified expression of Bartok's inner being.

They were not afraid to give their strings brilliance, even edge, *in the two opening movements*, nor to take the risks always needed to overcome convincingly their harmonic and rhythmic difficulties. And they did not forget the element of beauty in the first and of dour barbarity in the second. More experienced quartets may find something still more resigned, more forlorn, in the final, enigmatic Lento, but the Medici is well on the way to realizing its *intense qualities*.

This is no leader-dominated ensemble. Each player shows character, and seems a more than accomplished exponent of his instrument while being perfectly attuned, in every sense, to the other. What they still appeared to lack in Haydn's Bird Quartet, was such a positive interpretation as in their Bartok. The faster movements did not have enough dynamic contrast, and the Adagio missed poise, but the Finale had verve enough.

Mozart's K387 began stodgily, but gradually progressed into something distinctive. The beautiful balance between the four *players* came to the fore again in the Andante, where the music, with each idea arising wonderfully from the previous one, was given its true weight. The complex Finale, with its marvellous matching of polyphony and homophony received a performance worthy of its stature.

Successful novelty
BBC SO/Boulez
Festival Hall/Radio 3

William Mann

Pierre Boulez introduced his newest composition in last night's BBC symphony concert, and successfully brought one of last year's Roundhouse novelties across the river, framing these recent works with vintage classics by Bartók.

Boulez's *Rituel* is his funeral oration for his friend and colleague, Bruno Maderna. The external design is simple, appropriate to a solemn rite; in the composer's words, "versets and responses for an imaginary ceremony".

For this the orchestra is split up into nine sections, each containing one or more woodwind or strings and a percussionist, who face one another so that on the platform they seem to be seated round tables in a teashop; the eighth and ninth sections, brass and gongs, alone face the conductor. In the versets these sections play out their written material in counterpoint, uncoordinated outside their own sections; with each verset the number of sections involved increases, so that the outline becomes more and more blurred. This will be what Boulez calls the "ceremony of extinction".

The responses, which have the effect of a refrain, are played in homophony, unisons or chords interspersed (as are the individual lines of the versets) by steadily pounding percussion, a hymn of lamentation that is not without a certain optimism since this is Boulez's "ceremony of *remembrance*". Here, too, the density of the sound grows at each refrain *until the final response for full* orchestra, where the initially heavy-hearted Alas! has swelled into a mighty funeral march whose grief has become gratitude, the beating of the breast transformed into the heartbeat of immortality.

The sound of the refrain, whether desolate (the effect of the obtrusive tritone *in* the harmony) or hieratical (the tolling of gongs and tamtams) or *proud (the sheer weight of* brass timbre), is mightily impressive, its melody strongly memorable—though since it changes shape every time, what one remembers afterwards is a generalized digest of melody. The same musical material is at the heart of the versets, too, more elaborately laid out. We expect brilliance and logic from Boulez's music; both are to be found in *Rituel*, and also a grandeur of utterance and a directness that touch the heart.

Bernard Rands's *Aum*, a sort of harp concerto for Sidonie Goossens, made a stronger impression here in the Festival Hall than formerly at the Roundhouse. The dialogue of textures benefits from the extra space available. This was also, I found, a tidier and more eloquent performance, particularly a triumph for Miss Goossens.

The Exorcism
Comedy

Irving Wardle

Four people meet for Christmas dinner in a weekend cottage and become trapped in a nightmare, but before the audience have had time to emit a complacent yawn, they find themselves *thrust into roughly the* same situation. Don Taylor's play, in short, attempts a shotgun marriage between Agatha Christie and David Mercer.

His characters are all variations on the theme of socialist guilt. There is an advertising man who has betrayed his class origins, a journalist who has sold out his talent, and their wives, one a hard-bitten hedonist and the other a delicate *creature who loves to while* away the hours at her harpsichord. "Dab hands at these games of conscience, our generation", one of them says. The drink, they bitch, they defend their standard of living, they exchange luxury presents, and down they sit to dinner and find that the wine has turned to blood.

We have met them all before in the Northern Puritan plays of the sixties. The trick Mr Taylor pulls is to exhibit their sense of betrayal not through self-flagellating dialogue and trips back home to unforgivingly uncorrupted parents, but in the bricks and mortar of their own most characteristically self-indulgent possession. To complete the irony, one only needs a round of applause for Tony Abbott and Donald Taylor's expensively renovated cottage set: a playground due to change into a *tomb*.

As in any ghost story, the place is under a curse; with the difference that *this* is presented as an act of long-term social retribution.

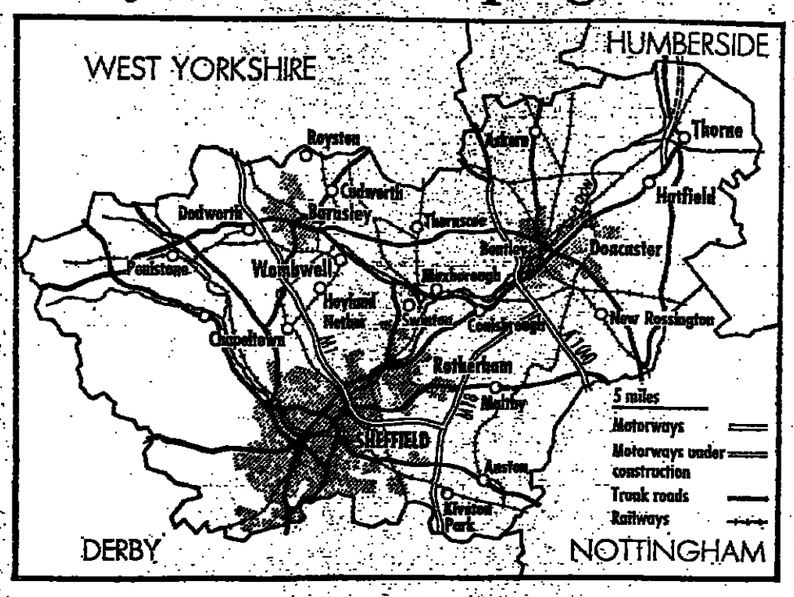
As far as he can, Mr Taylor *follows* the Christie rules gathering mystery and abrupt stabs of horror. But once his characters are trapped, there is little for them to do, and the action increasingly gives way to static confessionals. Also, in spite of the formal novelty, those people with leisure to flaunt their guilt-feelings in an environment of unquestioned affluence look distinctly out of date.

Peter Coe's stiff-upper-lip direction pays dividends when they do explode into fury and hysterics, and elsewhere keeps them in steady focus. Honor Blackman has little to do beyond showing her sharp edge; nor has the proprietorial Brian Blessed, once he has gone berserk with a hammer. Ronald Hines's journalist remains wryly interesting to the end; and Mary Ure achieves a possessed *climax* of unearthly eloquence which finally convinced me of the honest emotion within this tricksy play.

South Yorkshire

a Special Report

Early clashes then progress as identities merge



by Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

After a year of operations under local government reorganization, Sir Ronald Ironmonger, leader of the new South Yorkshire metropolitan county, says that the way the county has progressed to its present position "is little short of a miracle".

Using more cautious language, Mr F. A. Mallett, the chief executive, describes the first year thus: "We have made a vast amount of progress, more than I thought we would be able to do. This first year has been most difficult, but we have achieved a great deal."

The new county, like many other local authorities, has attracted criticism and allegations of empire-building and of paying its officers too well.

Sir Ronald, with 30 years' experience in local government, rejects them impatiently, because he dislikes the defensive position forced on local authorities and prefers to talk about the tasks and duties of local government.

But he points out that the parties were agreed nationally, and that the form of reorganization, which he does not like, was imposed by central government. "You cannot blame local government for reorganization, but we know it is there to stay, and we are going to make it work. We have got to make it work."

South Yorkshire came into existence as one of the six new metropolitan counties, covering the four proud county boroughs of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield, and taking in parts of the old Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire West Riding county councils.

The county boroughs, long independent, were far from pleased to lose some of their prestige and functions to a new, and in their view, remote authority. Both members and officers resented what they saw as an arbitrary change, and some of the antagonism remains. Gradually, however, cooperation is increasing, particularly among the officers. As the authorities settle down, county and district are beginning to realize the benefits and scope of cooperation, well illustrated by the example of the Government's proposals on land acquisition.

Here the Government has told the counties and districts to sort out the sharing of responsibilities between themselves, and they realize the importance of being equal to the task.

The new county is the second smallest of the six metropolitan counties in population (1,300,000) and the second largest in area, covering about 600 sq miles. Although the old county boroughs form the focal points, with their emphasis on industry, the authority is as much rural as urban. If the prospect of a holiday in the area seems unlikely at the mention of the four big centres, there is a great variety of countryside, from the wild moorland of the Peak District National Park to the lowlands of the Fen District. It is a feature the county is trying to emphasize.

One of the main difficulties for the new authorities, especially those which had no identifiable predecessor before reorganization, is that the people they serve scarcely know they exist. South Yorkshire has made strenuous efforts to overcome such ignorance.

It distributes a news sheet, of course, but in addition to that it has produced an imaginative range of reminders of the county's existence. You can buy a T-shirt, headsquare, cuff links and car badge all with the county's white rose emblem. You can sit in a pub and find beer mats on the tables which tell you what the county does for you. And now, two teenagers have been elected as the county's young ambassadors at home and abroad.

Another way in which the people of the area will be able to identify with the county is in public involvement in the decisions which will, it is hoped shape the area for a generation to come.

Before the authority put pen to paper on its structure plan, one of the most important functions of the counties, it consulted the public. Individually and through groups, the public has been making its views known. The first thing it decided was that it did not like the title "structure plan". It was stuffy and meant little, a sentiment more than a few local government people might quietly echo. One suggestion is for a "people's plan", and that is what it is called for the moment.

In the first stage, thousands of people took part by giving their views, and the latest *County News* included a questionnaire to determine the people's priorities in work, shopping, housing and the environment.

For Sir Ronald, the environment is the main priority. South Yorkshire has demonstrated that belief by being the only metropolitan county with a separate environment department. "This county is based on heavy industry, coal, dirty industries. They could be clean, and we are living with the legacy of a bad environment", Sir Ronald says.

The county is attempting to clean up the polluted rivers and soften the hard face presented by coal tips built up over generations. It takes the view that since the environment shapes the physical and mental lives of the population, there is no more valuable way in which the authority can attempt to enhance the quality of life.

To do so, and to fulfil its other functions, including responsibility for the fire and police services, the county needs money. That raises another difficulty, the one closest to the heart of the ratepayers.

Sir Ronald, announcing the budget for 1975-76 recently, detailed the ways in which the authority had tried to curtail its expenditure, and explained that harsh pruning had reduced the amount needed by about £11m. That said, he declared that spending was sufficient to make some progress, "because further progress we must make. We were elected to do this and it is therefore our duty as well as our wish to develop and carry out our policies and programmes".

Even so, capital plans have been shelved, and other cuts made include a saving of £800,000 on proposed staff recruitment. As it is, the staff levels are well below the establishment fixed when the authority was set up. It is agreed that this economy is necessary at present, but it is also pointed out that improvements in services must also wait.

Through the first year of the new authority, all the local services which people take for granted have been at least maintained, "probably improved", Mr Mallett says.

Looking back on the quarrels with the districts, over shared powers on highways for example, Sir Ronald takes a pragmatic view: "All the services have been maintained regardless of the rows. It has been a perfect example of British muddling through, and most people in the area probably do not know that anything has been happening."

He insists that the county will make an impact. People will see the environment changing and being improved, and when the structure plan is implemented, it will have an important, if difficult to define, effect on the area.

A criticism of the new metropolitan counties has been that they are not really large enough to influence the development of their areas, and that they have not got sufficient functions to make that influence felt. Not surprisingly officers and members of the authority deny this.

Mr Mallett sums up their feelings. "In a really metropolitan area, the scale of problems in this last half of the twentieth century is such that the functions of the county are very worth while."

Facelift aims to woo industry and people

by Ronald Kershaw
Northern Industrial Correspondent

Some 25 years ago a young Canadian friend of mine had his first glimpse of South Yorkshire. He pointed excitedly to Wombwell Main colliery slag heaps, gently suppurating in the evening haze, and said: "Gee, look at the smoky mountains, ain't they beautiful?" Naturally, he was quickly told the smoky mountains were smelly, dirty and dangerous pit tips and that any smoke he could see was in fact sulphurous fumes from an inner fire. He was too young to argue or to retort that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

At that time Wombwell Main was one of hundreds of collieries each with its own smoky mountains, covering many thousands of acres of land. This was only part of the price that had to be paid to win black diamonds, as coal is known when it is scarce. Although, thanks to the pit closure programme and environment enthusiasts, Wombwell Main is now a smooth and beautiful green field; there are still thousands of sites in the county carrying the scars of its traditional industry. It is now called "dereliction" and it is the aim of the South Yorkshire County Council to rid itself of this burden by 1980.

Fight to stem tide of unemployment

A sporting miner would observe: "They have got top weight on". However, the county council is convinced that an improved environment is a major part of the answer to the problems of attracting new industry and new people as well as to the gnawing pain of outward migration, hardly noticeable until one discovers that in the 20 years to 1971, it lost South Yorkshire 100,000 people.

Until the Arab oil crisis coal mining was a declining industry and local authorities fought tooth and nail to attract any kind of new industry to hold back the rising tide of unemployment. They met with a certain amount of success. South Yorkshire's four metropolitan districts, Barnsley, Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster, all have industrial development officers who are still plugging the attractions of their particular wapentake. As may be imagined, this is something of a sore problem among ratepayers because each of the four districts may well be competing for a particular factory at great expense in terms of promotional activities, overseas visits, to say nothing of the highly paid staffs involved. It would, of course, be money well spent for the winners but "a waste of time and brass" for the losers.

Young as it is, the South Yorkshire County Council is treading warily in this field. If, for instance, the four districts are offering the developer a site on an industrial estate or on land which already has planning permission for industrial development, the county authority tends to keep its head down and its fingers crossed in the hope that no dispute will develop between the district councils. If a major new project is likely to require county planning approval, then the county feels justified in making it county business from the start.

At present there is no development control scheme. The county council is aware of the need for one and is actively working on a plan which will be acceptable to all parties. So delicate is the subject of industrial development and so easy is it to level a charge of duplication and money wasting, that the county does not have an industrial development officer, industrial development committee or sub-committee. They are all there, but unidentified, under the aegis of the county planning department.

The whole of South Yorkshire has been classified as an intermediate area by the Government, which means that industrialists coming into the region may claim considerable financial assistance from the taxpayer in terms of grants, loans at preferential rates, aid in the way of rent free periods on factories, assistance with building, training a labour force and the like. This has helped enormously and some 58 projects worth £44.5m, likely to create 6,000 jobs in three years, have been approved by the Department of Industry.

Generally speaking, the attitude of the South Yorkshire authorities follows the line of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council in that while those who want to put a factory in South Yorkshire will receive every consideration, local authorities chasing new developments would prefer those who are prepared to bring decision-making headquarters along with their plant to South Yorkshire, rather than an odd branch factory that may be opened and closed at will. A headquarters generates jobs. As an organization expands, there is a spin-off effect to the benefit of the service industries, the banks and so on. Apart from anything else, the company which moves its headquarters to South Yorkshire will obtain more consideration in terms of selective assistance under the 1972 Industry Act.

A drop in demand for components

What then is the industrial situation in South Yorkshire? Apart from the coronary crises that occur in most industrial breasts every time Mr Wedgwood Benn makes an utterance, things are fairly stable. A small amount of short-time working is being experienced in the Sheffield and Rotherham areas, mainly because of the recession in the car industry and the drop in demand for components made in those areas.

There are in South Yorkshire five "travel to work" areas used by the Department of Employment for calculating unemployment statistics. These reveal that unemployment in Sheffield is 2 per cent, Doncaster 4.7 per cent, Mexborough 5.4 per cent, Barnsley 3.7 per cent and Rotherham 3.4 per cent. The national average on the data the sample was taken was 3.3 per cent and the regional average was 3.2 per cent. The average for the South Yorkshire county works out at 3.84 per cent, which is considerably better than many other parts of the country. Percentages, however, mean little or nothing when one is discussing new factories and numbers of jobs needed. Sheffield, with an enviable unemployment rate well below the national and regional average at 2 per cent, has 4,698 unemployed men alone. Mexborough, with a relatively high unemployment rate of 5.4 per cent, has 1,367 men out of work. The total unemployed throughout the South Yorkshire county area works out at 16,758 men, women, boys and girls.

It may be said with frankness that unemployment has increased all over the country, but to a far greater degree than in South Yorkshire. The situation has been helped by the rising demand for coal and coal miners by the NCB, who will finish this year with more men than they started with for the first time in decades, and also to the fact that the British Steel Corporation has £140m worth of investment plans. The glass container industry is going through a healthy period. Coal, steel and glass are this area's traditional industries and when they are not only stable but developing, then one may take heart. Other industries, such as retail distribution, have shown new developments and reconstruction schemes like the one in the centre of Barnsley, keeping men in employment when the construction industry elsewhere is almost on its knees.

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Demand for coal brings men and optimism back to pits

by Ronald Kershaw

The repeated exhortations by the Department of Energy to "save it" does little but remind me of the girl who listened to the *same entreaty from her* mother only to discover that when she had saved it, nobody wanted it. That is not to suggest that energy saving is not necessary or desirable. But why are we having to go easy on electricity, most of which is generated by coal-fired power stations, backed up by high cost oil-burning power stations, when we are sitting on millions of tons of coal?

During and after the war, coal was at a premium. When cheap oil came along in 1957-58, *the demand for* coal fell suddenly. There were plenty of coal-fired power stations in operation and being built, when suddenly coal-firing became uneconomic. Oil-fired power stations became the rage *and the nuclear programme*, although a splendid vision, slipped farther and farther behind. Governments of both parties sanctioned pit closures and miners moved into other jobs, often after a period of retraining at *government expense.*

The wheel has now turned full circle. Oil prices have gone up, *coal* is needed, and miners are urgently required because extra coal means that less oil need be imported and that will help the balance of payments.

It would be an interesting *exercise to attempt to quantify* how much public money has been spent, one hesitates to say wasted, either from taxes or from the taxpayer through higher coal prices charged by the National Coal Board from *the time coal fell from* favour until now. One would have to take into account the cost of the colliery closure programme, compensation payments of various kinds, transferring miners and their families to *more productive areas*, retraining and rehabilitation of miners, losses on abandoned equipment, and numerous other items.

The question must then be posed: will it happen again when North Sea oil *comes properly on stream*? It must be borne in mind that the miners' last pay settlement reduced coal's competitive edge over oil to about 10 per cent. With 65 pits producing about 730,000 tons a week, predominantly *for the power stations*, South Yorkshire is clearly of some importance in the energy structure pattern of the North.

Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the coal board, said at Darton, South Yorkshire, at the beginning of March that if things went on as they were, the board would cover all its costs, meet interest charges of some £35m and *break even.* Last year the board had an operating loss of £112m, largely because of the miners' strike.

With a general air of *gloom hanging over most in*dustries, it is refreshing to find somebody with an optimistic outlook and the chairman's message to the coal industry *is certainly* bright. A satisfactory wages settlement has recently been concluded. Manpower figures are on the increase, equipment is adequate and improving and, probably most important of all, he said, the men had a will to work.

In short, all that seemed to be required was to get on with the job. The prospect of coalface *workers* being paid £100 a week holds no fears for the coal board. Its *view was that there should be* no limit to pay offered, provided it is related to the results achieved. The difficulty in the past has been that productivity has been too low in relation to earnings.

Extra production to pay bonuses

Yorkshire pits are undergoing a unique experience. For nearly 20 years there *has been a gradual loss of* manpower. This year the situation has changed dramatically and the region may finish its year with about 67,000 men on the books, 3,000 more than it started with. Coal board officials *will no doubt say this indi*cates a new spirit of cooperation, a will to work and a desire to rescue the country from its heavy oil bill.

Union officials know that the oil crisis is one of the best things that has happ*ened to workers in the* British coal-mining industry and that its stronger position has forced up wages to a point where once again men are being attracted. Production bonuses incorporated in the last pay settlement will go some way to keep coal competitive against oil.

The board negotiated with the National Union of Mineworkers a method of paying bonuses for all output produced over an agreed ton*nage. The extra coal* will pay for the bonuses and leave a bit over as a contribution to keeping prices competitive, according to Sir Derek. There are signs that the bonus plan is working.

The steering committee comprising Government, unions and coal board representatives which last November produced the *final report of an exami*nation of the industry was confident that increased demand for coal would arise through EEC proposals on energy policy and through the recent decision of the Government to choose the steam generating heavy-water reactor for the next nuclear *power stations* (this may lead to additional demands for fossil fuel for electricity production in the 1980s and hence increase the potential market for coal, provided it remains competitive with oil).

The British Steel Corporation wants more British coking coal and there are high hopes that steam-raising plant and industrial and domestic heating plant will be markets that will be maintained.

According to the steering committee the future looked bright enough for investment to be made to provide more than 40 million tons of new coal capacity by 1985. That would be achieved by extending the life of existing *pits*, by increasing output through big projects, and by opening new collier*ies. It was envisaged that* each coalfield would have a share of major investment in capacity. But what would happen if competing fuels, particularly oil, dropped their prices so that coal was no longer economical?

The Government does not intend the industry to be at the mercy of short-term fluctuations in the price of oil or anything else and is prepared to provide assistance to counteract the effect of any adverse fluctu*ations in demand resulting* from such price changes. One assumes that such government protection will provide against economic attacks from foreign fuel producers.

If falls in price of im*ported oil become long term* instead of short term the Government, it is hoped, will not be too hasty in leaving the coal industry to its own devices. Nor may the Government allow North Sea oil to be so competitive *that it could ruin the coal* industry.

South Yorkshire has always been in the forefront of coal production in Britain. It is true that the face of the coalfield is gradually changing as reserves *perer out in the west of the* county and new pits are opened up in the east, but it will be a long time before coal vanishes from the South Yorkshire scene.

Adventure in time of uncertainty

by Patrick O'Leary

Industry in South Yorkshire *has an air of optimism and* adventure not always apparent in other parts of the country. A few items in the *Morning Telegraph*, published in Sheffield, one day last month illustrate the point.

Aurora Holdings reported a 76 per cent improvement *in pretax earnings. Products* include pressure vessels and air control equipment, and North Sea oil has helped to improve sales.

Another *column stated:* "Advanced forging technology, developed by Davy Loewy experts in Sheffield, have netted the group a *£4.25m contract from the* Soviet Union, which will form part of the expansion of United Kingdom trade there, and there could be *more big Russian orders to* come."

Finally, it was reported: "Mr Gordon Wilkinson of Newton Chambers Engineering, is one of six sales representatives from Yorkshire engineering firms flying *to Iran on a trade mis*sion."

It makes cheerful reading. Unemployment in South Yorkshire is a little below the national average, although this partly reflects a shortage of skilled man*power in Sheffield, and is* not true of some other centres in the county.

While company reports recount past successes, the future holds uncertainties. Many firms are specialists in various fields, and their products are easy to store. Consequently, the swing from boom to recession and back again *sometimes* takes longer to appear than in other areas. Customers build up stocks during quiet trading and these can take a long time to run down when better times come.

Falling sales of household *goods and of cars have* affected stainless steel sales. Forward orders for other items have been sagging.

However, businessmen say the markets for heavy engineering, forging mills, process plant and toolmaking *have held up well. This* is partly because companies sell all over the world and are alert to seize export opportunities.

Cutlery, long associated with Sheffield, keeps its place, although demand for *cheaper ranges has been* contracting for years in the face of competition from Taiwan and Hongkong. Pewter, however, is selling well in the United States. Another local industry making headway is the production *of containers for trans*port firms.

The European Economic Community referendum has *added another imponderable. Many firms have established* manufacturing and sales bases on the Continent.

Quality of Sheffield, the lively journal of the city's Chamber of Commerce, summed up the situation: "On the local front company results in the *main* continue to buck the national trend of falling profits.

"Although industry appears in the main healthy, there is evidence that profit growth is slackening and of increasing pressure on margins."

Apart from the EEC, fears of nationalization create further uncertainty. Although the British Steel Corporation has made the district the headquarters of its special steels division, private enterprise is still *well represented. There is a* good deal of cooperation between the private and public sectors.

Sheffield steelworks, together with neighbouring plants at Rotherham and Stocksbridge, supply more *than 60 per cent of Britain's* special steel—the alloy and stainless types necessary in modern technology. British Steel Corporation's annual turnover in this market has reached £230m.

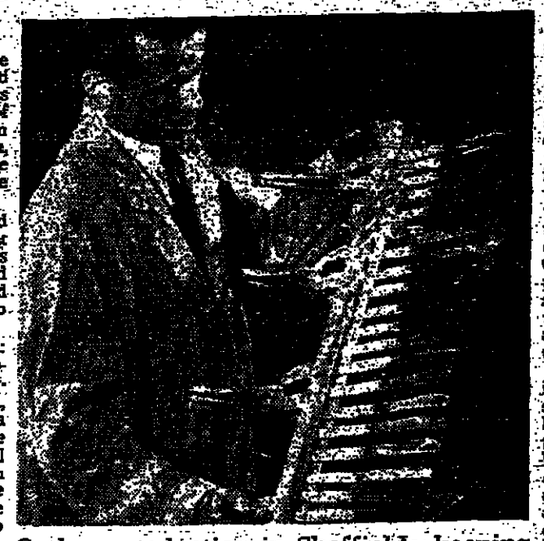
Work has begun on a continuous casting plant costing £60m to expand production of stainless steel sheet. Near Rotherham a £23m bar mill is being built, mainly to serve the American market. Research is also taking place into a process for *turning scrap into iron foil.*

Stainless steel from Stocksbridge will undergo a rare test when a sledge made by apprentices is used by an expedition which intends to trek round the world on Greenwich Meridian zero. This journey, which will take in the world's ice-caps, is part of the celebrations of the tercentenary of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. In polar regions stainless steel should give more strength for weight, and more resistance to low temperatures, than a wooden sledge.

Steel and heavy engineering dominate the industrial scene in South Yorkshire, but other skills are practised there, and some are long-established. It is a traditional glassmaking area and is said to account for almost half the annual sales of glass containers in Britain. Other companies include brewers, sweet manufacturers, plastics makers, and processors of frozen food.

This year members of the Association of British Mining Equipment Exporters, in which Yorkshire companies are strongly represented, will be welcoming prospective customers from North Korea and India. They also hope to send a mission to China.

It seems that local industry could have a successful, if worrying, 1975. But much will depend on how much money and how much confidence it can command. Mr B. C. Bruce-Gardner president of the British Independent Steel Producers Association, said recently: "Our experience tells us that it is vital to retain the momentum of investment to meet longer term demand".



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national outlets, the British Waterways Board's scheme for improving the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation is clearly of importance. The plan is to spend £3.2m on reconstruction of locks, *improvements* to bridges and numerous other details to bring the waterway up to required standards to provide a new trunk transport route to link the industrial areas of Sheffield and Rotherham with the Humber ports. Shifting freight in 700-ton loads by canal must offer an attractive and economic alternative to many companies—to say nothing of the contribution it would make to relieving congestion on the roads. Coal, steel, fuel and food are ideal bulk cargoes which could benefit enormously from this canal route.

The improvement scheme has been approved by Parliament and one might be excused for thinking that all was plain sailing from that point on. No such luck. The sticking point is Mr Crosland's Department of the Environment which appears to enjoy the luxury of taking as long as it wants to make up its mind whether *or not to let the waterways* board have the £3.2m needed. (The amount of £3.2m was the cost of the scheme in 1973 when the detailed work was done on the project—less than the cost of one mile of motorway.)

It appears that political arguments may be occasioning delays. There is an extremely strong roads lobby where matters of transport are concerned and in truth no national transport policy at all. The BWB's arguments are sound. The latest one offered by Sir Frank Price, chairman of the board, pointed out that the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation would need £1m spent on maintenance on the canal whether or not the money for the new scheme were forthcoming. It is still a commercial waterway and has to be kept to a certain standard. If the scheme does not go ahead then traffic on the waterway is *likely to stop by* 1983. If it does go ahead then the canal will make a profit.

At present the waterway *is suitable for carrying* barges containing 500 tons of freight from the coast as far as Doncaster. From there on it is possible to carry only 90 tons in each barge to Rotherham and Sheffield. Every year more than 330,000 tons of steel, *glass, wire, machinery, coke,* coal, sugar and grain are carried. One may well see the potential behind the scheme which lifts the freight loads to 700 tons a barge.

Local authorities and an interesting slice of industry in South Yorkshire have expressed some measure of *support for the scheme.* A little action from the county council would do no harm.

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Pace-setter for rest of Britain

by John Young
Planning Reporter

Probably the most far-reaching change brought about by last year's local government reorganization was the creation of the new metropolitan counties. It was by no means a universally popular move; in those counties dominated by a single large urban complex, the peripheral areas tend to feel that they are being sucked into its maw; in those, like South Yorkshire, where the population is concentrated in four or five medium to large centres, the hitherto dominant city—in this case Sheffield—resents the dilution of its powers and independent status.

Whereas, give or take a few boundary changes, the old shire counties have retained most of their former identity, the "metros" are brand new and still feeling their way. Planning has to start from scratch.

One or two of the old counties, East Sussex, for example, have already produced structure plans as required by the Act, but it seems unlikely that any metropolitan plans will be produced before the middle of next year at the earliest.

South Yorkshire is a particular case in point since it did not have even the skeleton of a former local government structure on which to build. West Yorkshire, with its headquarters in Wakefield, could at least adapt part of the former West Riding establishment to its own needs. Its neighbour, operating from temporary headquarters in Barnsley, which was probably the last place ever to visualize itself as a regional capital, is out on a limb.

No one on the council sees that as a disadvantage. On the contrary, the council regards it as just the sort of challenge that local government, and particularly planners, need. The past year has produced a positive avalanche of reports, reports about reports, and documents explaining the meaning of those reports. If achievement ever matches good intentions, South Yorkshire should be a pace-setter for the rest of Britain.



The Gleadless Valley housing development on the southern boundary of Sheffield.

For those who believe that local government is an endless wasteful process of empire-building, this cascade of paper will confirm their worst fears. The draft project report on how to go about preparing the structure plan, for example, runs to nearly 50 pages with maps. Groups of local residents are being offered "structure plan kits" with detailed questionnaires to put to their members.

But the approach is understandable. Historically, Yorkshire has suffered from lack of proper planning. Emotionally, Yorkshiremen discovered a common bond when it came to something like cricket, but individually distrusted anyone who lived more than a dozen or so miles away. Cities and towns tended to go their own way.

Some prospered, others did not. Today there is a marked imbalance between Leeds and Sheffield, with unemployment rates well below 2 per cent, and some of the smaller one-industry towns which have failed to attract new industry. Geographically, too, there is a sharp contrast between the high land in the west and the flat plains verging on the Humber.

In between there is an extraordinary variety of landscape, pleasing and dreadful. The worst sort of industrial sprawl time and again verges on an area of outstanding natural beauty. How do you explain Conisbrough Castle on its little mound of green grass, surrounded by terraces of grimy houses and with a view of Manvers Main, one of the largest collieries in Europe?

Mr Michael Thompson, the county's chief planning officer, recognizes that earlier excesses can only gradually be put right. But he is a firm believer in the strict application of green belt policies to restrain further sprawl. Future generations may well wonder why London was singled out for special treatment, and why the policy which was applied so successfully in the Home Counties took so long to permeate to the Midlands and the North.

Perhaps the most detailed of the many documents produced by the new council is a report published last August on how the public is to be approached. It divides the programme into three phases. The first, already completed, consists of identifying the area's needs, problems and opportunities. The second, now under way, involves evaluating alternatives. The third, which will occupy next year, will be devoted to a public review of the council's preferred plans and their amendment if necessary.

Geographically it will be divided into the Doncaster region, which to some extent forms its own entity and is the subject of a separate structure plan; the Peak Park district, the future of which is largely the responsibility of the park's own planning board; and, by far the most important, the central region of Sheffield, Rotherham and Barnsley.

The council's "democratic" objectives are to ensure that members of the public have an early opportunity to make a positive contribution; to see that all sections of the public have a voice, not just an articulate minority; and to make councillors responsive to the public's views.

Dominating the whole question, however, and the subject which undoubtedly most concerns the public is future industrial growth and employment. It is encouraging that the council's planning department has overall responsibility for attracting new industry. In far too many cases economic planning is taken out of the hands of local authorities and dissociated from social and environmental considerations.

Whether all these good intentions and apparent hard work will help to change the face of South Yorkshire remains to be seen. But at least there are signs of a more positive and comprehensive approach. In no other area of Britain is such an approach more needed.

Lunar landscape being transformed

Walking across the remains of Bulcroft colliery on a bitter March morning, one begins to envy the astronauts. At least they have warm, comfortable space-suits and are spared the sleet driving into their faces.

Otherwise the terrain has all the appearances of a lunar landscape. Trudging through the filthy grey mud, an amalgam of sodden coal dust and lime laid down to reduce the acidity, one wonders how it will ever again support even the coarsest vegetation. The outlook is hideously barren and the enormous mechanical shovels trundling to and fro across this manmade desolation are like impersonal robots, blindly prepared to mow down intruders who cross their path.

But Bulcroft is, or should be, a cause for satisfaction. It represents the largest effort yet, and the first wholly initiated by the new South Yorkshire County Council, to eliminate the eyesores which mar an otherwise green and pleasant landscape. At a cost of some £120,000, excluding legal fees and the price paid to the National Coal Board for the 75 acres of land, more than 650,000 cubic metres of colliery spoil are being removed and flattened.

The operation began only last November and is due to be completed in May. By late summer the site will be covered by grass of a sort and in a few years' time, despite the acidity of the soil, it should be restored as good agricultural land, for all the world as though the mine had never existed.

For generations the towering tips have littered the landscape of the South Yorkshire coalfield, with little attempt made to reclaim them. The National Coal Board has made spasmodic efforts at "landscaping", but this has usually consisted of no more than reducing the height of the tips in order to avoid the risk of another Aberfan, and planting with coarse grass. The steep symmetrical moulds that remain are all too obviously what they always were.

It was usually only the visitors who noticed such eyesores. The local people had either ceased to be aware of them or were secretly proud of their "mucky" environment, believing that all that clean air and green fields rubbish was the preoccupation of "soft" southerners.

A senior council official, who recently moved to Yorkshire from the West Country, tells how he had difficulty in finding a house when he first arrived. One of the women on his staff pointed out that there were plenty of houses going cheaply in a neighbouring town. When he observed politely that he was not all that keen on a coal tip at the bottom of his garden, her reply was scornful. "Aye well, you'll have to get used to that sort of thing if you want to come and live up here", she said.

Two things, however, have helped to change public attitudes. One is the emergence of a radical, well educated and articulate younger generation from the universities and technical colleges, which refuses to put up with the conditions its parents tolerated, and is determined that parents should not tolerate them either. The other is a growing realization that eyesores are bad for business. The area needs new industry, but would-be investors are often discouraged by their first impressions of the local scenery.

When the new South Yorkshire council took office a year ago and decided to take the unique step of establishing its own environment department, independent of the planners, there was scarcely a murmur of protest. There was warm approval when it was announced that the chairman of the environment committee was to be the formidable Patience Sheard, a former Lord Mayor of Sheffield, which claims to be the cleanest industrial city in Europe.

The department's enthusiastic staff have already completed a detailed study of a badly despoiled area of the Rother valley between Sheffield and Rotherham, and are engaged on further surveys of both operational and disused railways, canals and rivers, nature conservation and the upgrading of farm landscapes. They are also making a detailed environment study of the whole county; the interim report was published last month and the final report is expected next year.

The council has also applied to the EEC for a grant for research into ways of cleaning up the Don and Dearne valleys. The two rivers form the core of the region, and an ambitious and extended programme to restore wasteland, remove derelict buildings and purify the rivers themselves would provide an immense stimulus.

Efforts have also been made to give more purpose to the waste disposal programme by shutting down several rubbish tips and using the waste for filling and reclaiming derelict land. Recently some £270,000 was spent on new pulverizing and crushing machinery, which is said to be the largest in the country employed on such a task.

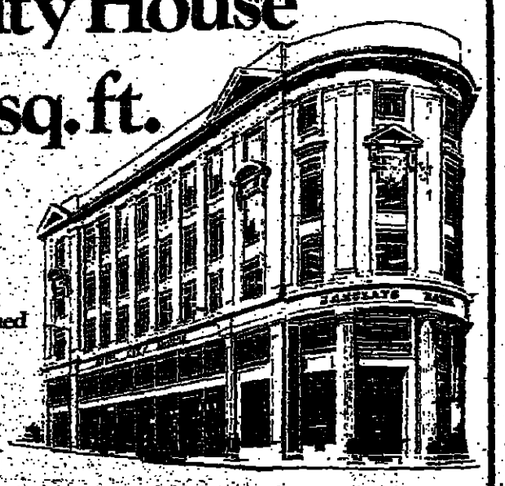
But there are still formidable difficulties. Certain types of dereliction, notably from coal mining and other extractive industries, are increasing at a faster rate than reclamation, and Mr George Thomas, the chief environment officer, does not share the optimism of his counterparts in West Yorkshire that the problem will be solved within 25 years.

The biggest problem is, inevitably, finance. The council's capital programme budget for 1975-76 is nearly £3m and between now and 1980 it expects to spend up to £15m on 32 planned projects. Government grant aid is at present 75 per cent, but Mr Thomas hopes that the Exchequer will agree to pay the full cost of certain specific schemes, as it has already undertaken to do in Scotland and Wales.

There are also shadows from the past in the form of planning permissions granted, several years ago, which have never been taken up, but which would cost the council a fortune in compensation to cancel. Sheffield may revel in its new-found cleanliness, but in Barnsley the miners still claim their free allocation of non-smokeless coal which is dumped on the pavement outside their houses. Some things take a lot of changing.

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Few people have really understood the enormous scale of reorganization

Time for local government to stand up to its critics

Local government is like a beleaguered city. Those who work in it have the feeling of a state of siege. Gone are the days when press and public alike treated its affairs with massive indifference. Every move now draws the fire of snipers while intermittently there are savage and unrestrained attacks of a sort unknown in the peaceful pre-reorganization era.

Besides professional newspaper critics, there are the allies recruited from the ranks of the dismantled authorities, ever ready to let fly a barb at the system they once served. "Local reorganization has meant the squandering of money and the building of empires. It is a nationwide scandal", says the 59-year-old former Mayor (*Daily Mail*, February 3, 1975). Even bodies like the CBI who have shown little interest in local government for many years, have joined the Greek chorus in their evidence to the Layfield Committee. "In the event, the reorganization seems to have led to empire building on an unprecedented scale with wasteful duplication of functions and unjustified expenditure."

What has gone wrong? Is it merely an illustration of the old dictum that men pay their taxes in sorrow and their rates in anger—and that angry men are not rational?

The truth is that the situation is complex with many facets. Research behind most published criticisms has been shallow, usually no more than enough to give an air of credibility to a preconceived opinion.

The position of the defenders of local government has not been made easier by an entrenched stoicism, in which attacks are accepted with fortitude—and in silence. The instinctive reaction of councillor and officer alike is to turn up the coat collar firmly in the belief that sooner or later it *must* stop raining. There have been criticisms before now, yet local government has survived. Is there any need to take present criticisms more seriously, even to take arms against a sea of troubles?

The question tends to go by default. Since the demise of the Local Government Information Office, the three Associations of Local Authorities have lacked a single voice. With three individual points of view on most of the issues of the day it is not surprising that the Associations of County Councils, metropolitan authorities and district councils have not yet joined together to try to put right the misconceptions which abound about rates, about reorganization and about local government. If ever there was a time to lament the absence of a single association to speak for all local authorities, surely it is now.

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If local government were to mount a continuous campaign of information and make a serious effort to explain itself purposefully at the present time, upon what areas should it concentrate?

In the first place, very few people have really understood the enormous scale of local government reorganization. No other democratic country has attempted anything as drastic as reduction by three quarters in the number of individual local authorities (from 1,391 to 369 in England and Wales outside London). There was no equivalent to the Decimalization Board charged with the duty of explaining the great reforms which were to be accomplished. Individual local authorities made some effort to explain the changes which took place on April 1 1974, but have now largely returned to their traditional reticence.

The very smoothness of the operation has been a disadvantage. Nowhere have staff staged a sit-in, unwilling to move to new offices or adopt new structures. The absence of marching, banners and protests, which have accompanied so many large scale industrial mergers, has made it easy to overlook the difficulties inherent in the changes which have been made. High in the list of difficulties must rank the creation of the six metropolitan county councils—one of the few issues upon which socialists and conservatives were agreed in principle. These have had no nucleus upon which to build, but have been totally new creations. They have had to bid for staff in a restricted market. They could not offer the interesting range of functions of the shire counties nor the attractions of working in a pleasant county town. Small wonder that they have found it an uphill and expensive task to recruit the staff they needed.

Secondly, all the evidence of commercial mergers to form bigger units is that the benefits are slow to come and the difficulties are underestimated. Local government can hardly be an exception to this well-proved experience pattern. The difficulties are plain enough. There is the shortage of capital to make the reality on the ground fit the new paper pattern.

This makes it necessary for many new authorities to work wastefully and ineffectively from several old town halls.

The danger is that the lack of money to underpin the new system will give it a bad reputation, which will dog it for years to come.

Another difficulty is the shortage of officers at middle management level who have experience of working at the larger scale of the new authorities. In England, before reorganization, only 48 out of 949 county boroughs and county districts were over 75,000 population. Today more than 200 new district authorities have a population exceeding 75,000. This is a short to medium term problem which highlights the need for management training.

Taking all these factors into account it is likely to be the end of the decade before the benefits are flowing from the drastic surgical operation which has been undertaken. Meanwhile the patient needs to be left alone to recuperate and will certainly not benefit from having the bandages ripped off to see if the operation has been successful.

Thirdly, local government needs to explain that in the field of manpower it operates subject to similar constraints to those found in industry and commerce. It can no more slash its manpower requirements at a stroke than can, say, British Leyland or Chrysler. There are national manning scales for some classes of local government employee—for example school meals personnel and school caretakers.

In other cases, the Government in the grant negotiations may accept that local authorities will employ staff to a certain standard of provision, as they did, for example, in the White Paper on the Rate Support Grant, in the case of teachers. For any individual local authority to make radical reductions in these areas would be to court a confrontation with the unions involved who are as powerful in their way as those operating in industry.

The easiest area for retrenchment is that of office employment. Few local authorities are up to their full quota of office staff. Most are deliberately leaving some vacancies unfilled. Cheshire, for example, has currently 14 per cent of established posts vacant. Because more than half of local government expenditure is on salaries and wages, substantial savings in local government expenditure can only be made if very different manning standards for the whole range of services can be adopted. At present there are few signs that the country as a whole is ready for such a radical approach.

Local government in Britain is as good as any in the world. But in a period of retrenchment it needs to explain itself more vigorously and not just by responding to criticisms made. It needs to find some weapons with which to counter attack—for example, by using intelligently such statistics as the fact that, in 1973, rates at £2,617m were less than half the consumer expenditure on alcohol and tobacco (£5,481m).

The danger of not answering the critics is a loss of morale and confidence which might lead to a negative approach to today's problems. Inaction may seem a safer course than the sort of innovative policies which seek to do more with less resources, but which might open the door to criticism. There is no remedy to charges of extravagance to be seen to be wearing a hair shirt and to have taken a vow of silence. It is time for a silent service to speak up.

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Next Monday The Times will look at the first year's operation of the new local government structure.

Sixth Republic in all but name a year after M Pompidou

It is only a year ago, on April 2, that President Pompidou died. Britain lost one of her best friends and most sincere admirers in France. He did more than any foreign statesman to bring Britain into the European Community, as Mr Edward Heath, with whom he developed a unique personal relationship, reminded French television viewers in a special programme devoted to his life and work as Prime Minister and President.

And yet, someone remarked the other day, M Pompidou seems already forgotten, swept away by the winds of change which have been blowing hard since M Giscard d'Estaing took possession of the Elysée Palace and set out deliberately to break with the ritual and the traditions—if not the policies—of the Gaullist past.

One year after his death, it is easier to appreciate that it marked the end of an era in French history and politics, much more than the death of General de Gaulle, and the transition, which struck Frenchmen very much at the time, from an epic notion of the role of France to more down to earth conception of modern husbandry.

President Pompidou had a Gaullist approach to the role of the state, and an uncompromisingly traditional republican view of the dignity of his office. He would never have dreamed of doing away with its trappings, not from any personal pride but from the respect he owed it. In his uncompromising emphasis on national independence, on the cultural mission of France in the world, on the importance of the French language, he was a true spiritual heir of the general.

If he did not attempt to pursue the Gaullist epic where his predecessor had left off, it was because he felt it was one of these exalting isolated high points in French history in between which it was necessary for his countrymen to cultivate their own garden—in other words, concentrate on making France a leading industrial and trading nation.

The change from M Pompidou to M Giscard d'Estaing cannot only be explained in terms of the difference in temperament of the two men—the one a progressive conservative, the other a liberal reformer—or by the sudden change in the world economy brought about by the oil crisis, which changed the Keynote of French foreign policy from independence to interdependence.

The death of President Pompidou also brought to an end what M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber called the "UDR state", the practical monopoly of government and the control of the administrative machine by one party for 16 years. The President is no longer a Gaullist—six years ago he was regarded as a traitor to the Gaullist cause for advocating the "no" in the referendum which toppled the General—but that is not the point. Thanks to the brilliant political take-over bid of M Chirac, the orphaned Gaullist Party was rallied to the side of M Giscard. The change is more fundamental.

The regime, for better or worse, has lost that monolithic quality which many Frenchmen found both reassuring and exasperating, and a kind of political pluralism has taken over, which used to be condemned in the heyday of the Fifth Republic, as the hallmark of the disorders of the Fourth. The atmosphere in the corridors of power has changed not spectacularly but profoundly. Paris is full of Gaullist barons and *demi-soldes* who once basked in the sunshine of authority and influence, and are now reduced either to nostalgia or hope of a return of better days.

M Pompidou's reign trailed clouds of Gaullist grandeur behind it. There is no doubt whatever that M Giscard's has ushered in the Sixth Republic, although its birth has not been formally declared.

The France of M Giscard is less prickly and hierarchical, less inclined to stand on her dignity like her former President. She shows a less Napoleonic, more smiling and conciliatory face to the outside world, even though she still feels compelled at times to indulge in Gaullist terminology, not so much to reassure the Gaullists as to satisfy that strong chauvinistic streak which lies at the bottom of almost every Frenchman's heart.

She is more relaxed, almost dilettantish in her approach to world problems, with an affectation of English amateurishness. Naturally, foreigners prefer her to her predecessor, and find her immeasurably easier to deal with. She has become amiable.

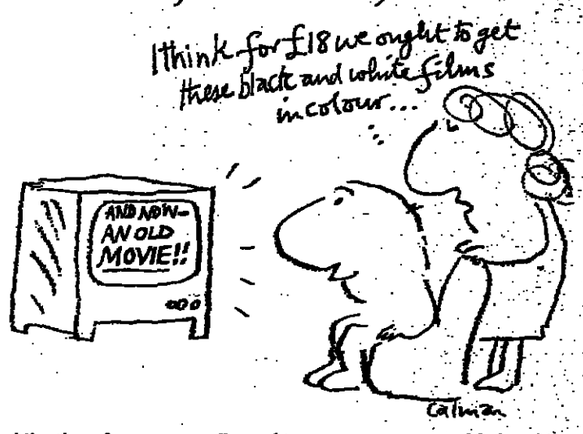
A Frenchman said to me recently that his fellow countrymen were conservatives and rioters rolled into one, but they certainly were not reformers. President Giscard sincerely wants to turn them into Anglo-Saxon type reformers. It is too soon to tell whether he will succeed. It is as monumental a task as General de Gaulle's restoration of French national dignity, but it lacks the epic dimension for which Frenchmen always have a weakness. Also he is attempting it at a time when many of his fellow countrymen feel that there are more immediate problems than the reform of French society.

Charles Hargrove

Bernard Levin

Stand firm, friends, it's all a great big bluff

A few weeks ago I gave an account of the situation of those who had twigged that if their licence for colour television was due to expire after, but not long after, the fee was increased (on April 1) they could save themselves part of the increased charge by a simple, and perfectly legal, method. All they had to do was to buy a new licence before the old one had run out, and before the new charges came in. Because the higher rate did not apply before April 1, they would be, and would have to be, charged at the old rate of £12 for a year's viewing, instead of £18. They would, of course, lose the value of the unexpired portion of their old licence, but provided that the overlap between the two licence periods was not too great they would still be in pocket on the deal.



This sensible and legal way of saving money, precisely akin to that of the prudent housewife who, learning that the price of her favourite brand of cornflakes is about to go up, nips out and buys half a dozen packets at the pre-increase rate, was first mentioned in the *Daily Another Newspaper*, and when their reporter rang the Television Licence Record Office to enquire about that body's attitude to such a proposed practice, the spokesman replied, with the blend of impudence and priggishness that is the hallmark of such bodies (that is, bodies who are forever seeking ways of blaming their own incompetence on the victims of it) "I do hope you are not intending to advise your readers even legally to overcome full obligation for payment."

I then pointed out rather sharply, in this space, that buying goods at the full, official price is not "overcoming full obligation for payment", and that I was sick of official bodies trying to trick trusting members of the public into believing that what they (the official bodies) are doing has the force of law when it does not. I further advised my readers to buy new licences without fear.

Ever since, they have been reporting on what happened when they went to the Post Office to do so. Many of them asked to renew their existing licence, which the Post Office claimed was forbidden by the regulations. It was *not* forbidden by the regulations, and customers demanding to know by what authority this claim was made were shown (but not given, or permitted to make a copy of) a piece of paper which purported to contain a Home Office directive to Post Office staff not to issue licence renewals if the old licence had not expired. (It seems, I may say in passing, that this Government is not content with retrospective fiddling of the law to ensure that its supporters get away with breaking it; they are now retrospectively fiddling the law to prevent the law-abiding public from taking legitimate advantage of it.)

The Home Office claims (it would) to have legal authority to make such regulations, and although its claim is, as you would expect, a very flimsy one, most customers, checked at that point, retired in good order and asked my advice. I explained that what they had to do was to buy a *new* licence, and here they were on safe ground, for although the law makes it an offence to operate a television set without a licence, there is nothing whatever in the law which forbids, or controls, or so much as refers to, the practice of operating a television set with two licences, or for that matter two score. (Nor is there anything on the form of application compelling the customer to declare, on pain of penalties for declaring falsely, that he or she did not already possess a licence).

Thus refreshed, the troops returned to the fray, and again reported how they got on. Some were met with the same refusal, backed by the same bit of paper, and (tamely, I felt) accepted that. The craftier ones simply said they wanted to buy a new licence for a television set, and let the clerk assume that the set had been newly acquired. One hardy warrior explained exactly what she was doing and why, and, when refused, fought on so spiritedly that the enemy retreated from the battlefield, selling the new licence at the prevailing rate, though writing, if you please, "Without Prejudice" at the top!

Now that April is here, the new £18 licence-fee is, of course, legally in force, and no further advantage can be taken of the perfectly legal, and perfectly proper, way by which citizens could save themselves some money. But the Home Office is now trying to insist that those who bought goods at the full price ruling at the time of purchase shall now pay more for them, merely because the price of the goods went up *after* they were bought. Apparently, when the Television Record Licence Office checks its accounts, it will discover that some citizens had, for a period bridging the date at which the price went up, two licences, and the Home Office threatens that these sensible and thrifty folk will be mulcted for a sum they do not owe, and that their television licences will be retrospectively annulled if they do not pay. Now wide though the Home Office's powers are, and wide though the Home Office constantly strains to set them, if necessary by claiming legal backing it does not have, its powers are not yet so wide, nor the courts of this land so befuddled or craven, that the cancellation of a licence which has been lawfully bought and paid for in full with legal tender would be countenanced. The Wireless Telegraphy Act gives the Home Secretary power to revoke a licence, and no doubt it is that provision that the Home Office is trying to twist and stretch to cover the present situation. But since no reasonable man, or even judge, could possibly entertain the notion that the Home Secretary's powers can in fact be twisted or stretched far enough to do so, the Home Office can safely be assumed to be bluffing. I advise any reader on whom this trick is tried to stand firm.

And I have one further encouragement for them. As I say, it is claimed by the authorities engaged in the conspiracy to extort from law-abiding citizens sums they do not owe that the purchase of two licences will be revealed when the Television Licence Record Office puts its computer to work checking the details of all licence-holders. Fear nothing, friends, for you have nothing to fear. Every year, without fail, I get a message from that computer, *months* after I have taken out my new licence, saying that it has no record of my having done so, and asking me, if I *have* done so, to write the details on the form provided, and return it. (I hope you know me well enough to know that I throw such message and form alike into the fire.) If the level of efficiency displayed by the Television Licence Record Office and its computer in my experience is anything to go by (and I bet it is) you are as likely to receive a £25,000 Premium Bond prize from it as a demand for money you do not owe.

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A gym teacher with a touch of sophistication

After the excesses of hot-cross-buns and chocolate eggs, it seemed an ascetic idea to have lunch this week with Eileen Fowler, radio's keep-fit woman. Yet, rather reassuringly, she is no purist. "If you live sensibly most of the time it's amazing how you can break out", she said lightly, as she sank her second gin at the classy Italian restaurant to which we had been taken by her publisher's publicity man.

We were celebrating the publication in paperback of her book, *Stay Young for Ever*, in which she reveals her secrets. Apart from the exercises, which until the end of last year she used to describe every morning on the radio, the secrets include sensible eating, fresh air, relaxation and sleep

"I'm not telling them anything new", she confessed. "I'm reminding them of what their mothers taught them. They know it already. It's just common sense."

All the same, she draws hundreds of keep-fit enthusiasts to her sessions for women in towns and cities throughout the country. "I suppose I'm just an overblown gym teacher", she said, "though I do have a touch of sophistication. You see, I had a French grandmother."

Miss Fowler attributes her success in her unusual field partly to the fact that she started her working life as an actress on the variety stage. Thus she was the first to bring the techniques of show business to fitness training, to "take the jerk out of physical jerks". She also owes much, she says, to her pianist, Helen Shields, who composes many of the tunes which accompany the Fowler exercises, thus avoiding any liability to pay royalties on them. "I'm something of a businesswoman, too", she said smiling. "You've got to sell it, and I sell it."

Her main tip for healthy eating is to restrict yourself to one cooked meal a day.

Being married to her, though doubtless delightful in many ways, sounds a bit rigorous. "My husband was a bit overweight when we married", she said. "But when he started living with me he took off a stone and he's never put it back. He's also in danger of developing a stoop and I'm always having to tell him to sit up straight."

Miss Fowler asked me how old I thought she was—a question which I never know how to answer politely. I committed the terrible *faux pas* of guessing correctly that she was in her sixties (she is 69 next month) and spent much of the rest of the meal talking my way out of it. She finally managed to comfort me by saying she was old enough not to worry about that kind of thing.

We had a slight altercation about women's liberation. She said the main purpose of keeping fit, as she saw it, was so that when a high-powered husband wanted to take his wife out to a do, she would feel energetic enough to go, instead of being so weighed down with housework and children that she did not feel like it.

To my protests that some might regard that as a rather sexist concept of the woman's role, she insisted that pleasing men and raising children were two of a woman's most important functions. "I think it's Hell, but I think she's got to do it."

Agonizing

Demonstrations by local shoppers persuaded Sainsbury's to review their decision to close their small supermarket in Drury Lane "at the highest level", the firm's public relations department said yesterday. "There has been a lot of heart-searching about this, and when I say heart-searching I mean painful agonizing right through the firm", said the public relations man.

Less than a year ago the public relations department were sending out letters denying that the store would close and characterizing the very idea as "wild rumour".

The board's final agonizing did not bring any reprieve, and the shop closes tomorrow. Yet when my reporter visited it, five of the six tills were operating, and at times there were queues at each. Without exception the shoppers said they were very upset that Sainsbury's was closing.

"When they handed me the letter announcing the closure", said a woman with a long shopping list, "I was stood about fifty feet back in the queue, and all the queues were level. Then they say they cannot make it pay".

"I have been shopping at Sainsbury's since you could get 14 eggs for a shilling and a half-pound of butter cut and wrapped at the counter while you waited", said an older woman.

Royal snaps

The Asahi Pentax gallery in Vigo Street, London, is accustomed to mounting exhibitions of slightly rude photographs by such as David Bailey and Sam Haskins. Today, however, the gallery stages a show of some totally inocent wild life photographs, snapped through the royal lens of the Duke of Edinburgh.



A Pacific sea lion: one of the Duke's pictures.



The gallery opened in November and does not insist that its exhibitors use Pentax cameras—indeed the Duke is known not to do so. Ron Spillman, the director, insists that it was not simply the Duke's royalty that made the gallery agree to show his pictures:

"These pictures are as good as most professionals turn out", he said. "It's a difficult field. The trouble with wild life is that it doesn't stand around posing for you."

Opting out

Rodney Ackland seems to have done a scholar gipsy on us, renounced the world and, at 66, removed to darkest Africa to preach his version of God to the natives. If you said "Rodney who?" you were supplying part of the reason for his departure.

He is the tailor turned playwright, author of *The Dark River*, *The Old Ladies*, and many other dramas that had a considerable success in the 1930s. Enthusiastic critics then compared him to Chekhov. His plays never became as successful after the war, and he bankrupted himself in an action against a film company over the insufficient credit he felt he had been given in the credit titles for his work on a screen play.

His companion, secretary and prospective biographer, Ben Levin, has been left behind to settle Ackland's affairs, holding his will, which leaves Levin a third of all future royalties from the infrequent performances of Ackland's plays. Levin said loyally yesterday: "In my opinion fashion will come round again, and Rodney Ackland will be recognized as one of the great English dramatists of this century."

Misleading

Advertisements have been appearing in the press over the past few days praising the advantages of the new vehicle licensing system, which is to be centralized in Swansea. I have always thought that the old system was fairly simple, but the advertisements promise: "Further re-licensing becomes much simpler."

We shall, it says, be able to use "any of 81 new vehicle licensing offices", as well as some post offices; or we can deal with Swansea by post. What it does not say is that under the old system you could also use the mails or post offices, and could choose from 180 local taxation offices, instead of just 81.

People in the Glasgow area, for example, now have only one licensing centre, where before they could choose from seven. The new system will undoubtedly simplify life for bureaucrats and there is nothing wrong with that. But why do the authorities feel compelled to claim that it will benefit the public, when it plainly will not?

David Wheeler of Twickenham wonders whether, under the Sex Discrimination Bill we shall have to abolish Kings and Queens and simply have a Monarch. Or perhaps a Throneperson.

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SOYA

a Special Report to mark the opening in London next Tuesday of the new International Soya Bean Meal Futures Market

Springhead of world oils and fats

by Michael Black

The importance of the soya bean to nutrition in the twentieth century is a triumph of planning and science in agriculture. From a prewar position of insignificance, the soya bean has come to dominate a large part of American agricultural thinking, become the cornerstone of the world oils and fats market, and play a key role in animal production.

The soya bean is a legume. It uses root bacteria to obtain nitrogen from the air, and therefore does not require much fertilizer. It has a different growth pattern from grains, and matches them perfectly in a rotational sequence. The bean contains about 18 per cent of oil, and 40 per cent of protein. The balance of amino acids in the protein part of the seed is almost perfect for human requirements.

The plant originated in China and was of small economic importance until well into this century. In the United States it received little encouragement until the postwar restrictions on corn and wheat acreages left land out of production. Today, the value of the soya bean crop probably exceeds that of maize. It is greater than the output value of broilers, and is nearing that of pigs and milk.

Soya beans occupy one acre in every 6.5 arable acres in America compared to one in 14 only 15 years ago. There are two other major producers—China, where output statistics are vague, and Brazil, where growth has been swift. Brazil produced three million tons 12 years ago, and the estimate for the coming harvest is 9,500,000.

Much research is being done to widen the adaptability of the crop. It is limited to certain latitudes because the flowering stage is triggered by a particular day length. Should that limitation be overcome, the soya bean will enter the agricultural programmes of many more countries.

A world crop of 60 million tons is likely soon. The potential of the crop is tremendous, but its success will depend on the demand for the traditional oil and meal products and on new markets, such as fabricated foods, which can be developed.

Soya oil is classified as an edible vegetable oil, together with cottonseed, groundnut, sunflower, rapeseed, olive and corn. In 1972 total oil equivalent produced in this class was 21,600,000 tons, of which soya had 30 per cent.

Palm oils and industrial oils form the next class (seven million tons) and the balance is animal and marine oils (13,700,000). Of the total world edible oil production equivalent, soya supplied 15.5 per cent.

In world trade, soya is even more dominant. In 1972 it made up 53 per cent of exports of edible vegetable oil equivalent, and 24 per cent of trade in all oils. The 1974 figure was 30 per cent.

The demand for high protein meal has provided the incentive for growth of the crop. Bean meal has been the foundation for the world broiler industry, which is expanding rapidly in countries with a traditionally small meat consumption. This indicates a coming increase in the quantity and diversity of destination of world trade in soya meal. Soya meal is the main source of commercial animal feed protein in the United States, accounting for 46 per cent (13,200,000 tons) of the total (including milk products).

The meal is becoming increasingly important to the West European livestock industry. Europe has a considerable crushing industry, largely using American beans, for the meal market and is a net exporter of oil. New capacity is being built. Although there is an expanding European crop of rapeseed and some sunflower, this capacity will rely on foreign soya beans. West Europe imported 11,400,000 tons of oil seeds in 1973, of which 8,200,000 were soya beans. This rose to 13,300,000 in 1974, of which 11 million (83 per cent) were beans.

It was announced recently that a further million tons of crushing capacity is to be built in Britain. Europe is to gain a further 75 million tons. By 1980 the annual import of oilseeds to feed the livestock industry of Western Europe may be about 16 million tons. The soya bean will be preeminent, but will come from more countries than at present.

The dominance of the United States affects the raw material supply of many industries based on the bean or its substitutes. The world trade in all protein meals and oils and fats is directed by the price of soya products in Chicago.

The soya bean policies of the American Administration have direct relevance to economies far away. The price of Malaysian palm oil, African groundnut, the incomes of Danish fishermen and Peruvian anchovy fleets, are heavily influenced by the domestic and trade and aid terms which are struck with American soya bean farmers and with foreign countries.

Until 1973, the great storehouses of North America provided a reserve for world grain and oilseed. As American production increased beyond domestic and world demand, storage built up. In a year of increased demand, materiel was released. This regulation kept prices within limits and the Administration locked or unlocked storehouses according to the price support programmes.

The importance of a full warehouse to this concept of price regulation was illustrated by the sudden upsurge in demand in 1973, coupled with the quiet cornering of supplies by the Russians, and unexpected shortfalls around the world in other seeds and fishmeal. With no stocks to release, there was no control on the market, and no guide to likely price behaviour. The result was rapidly rising prices.

Soya beans, which normally were priced between $2.50 and $3 a bushel, rose to $12 in June, 1973. Fortunes were made and lost on an unprecedented scale, and the American Government had to intervene directly.

The stock figures were a pointer to the informed trader of the tightness to come. Stocks reached a peak of 327 million bushels in 1969 before harvest. By September, 1972, they had fallen to 72 million, of which a large proportion was contracted to the Soviet Union.

The reserve was almost empty. There was nothing to ration supplies except the big price rise. The pendulum is swinging back. Beans are at $5 a bushel and crops are expected to be good. Stocks will be replenished and normal trading can be resumed.

The soya bean experience of recent seasons, together with that of wheat, corn and other commodities, has demonstrated their importance to world economic stability and the interdependence of trading nations. Crops are cyclical, and therefore a policy on stocks is vital to absorb surpluses and top up poor crops. Any policy for soya bean stocks rests with the American Government.

The international community has a right to expect that it will be available at a reasonable price. The opening of a soya bean meal futures market in London is a firm indication by European producers and consumers of their interest in expanding trading opportunities.

Imports of soya beans into main West European countries (000 tonnes)

	1973	1974
West Germany	2,792	3,701
The Netherlands	1,203	1,590
Italy	887	1,100
Spain	835	1,150
United Kingdom	779	803
France	508	564
Belgium and Luxembourg	447	720
Denmark	388	471
Norway	266	352
Others	92	598
Total, soya bean imports	8,197	11,029
Total, all oilseed imports	11,400	13,300
Per cent of soya beans	72	83

World production of soya beans million tons

	1963	1974	1975
United States	18.7	32.6	39.5
Brazil	0.3	7.2	9.5
China	6.0	6.0	6.0
Soviet Union	0.5	0.6	0.9
World	27.0	47.5	57.0



Photo: Sport

Near disaster made need for centre in Europe obvious

by John Woodland

After the shock of the United States soya bean export restrictions in June, 1973, it became obvious and vital for Europe to have a futures market in soya bean meal. Further stimulus, if one was needed, was the energy crisis which severely affected all commodity prices.

Mr L. Pullen, the president of the Grain and Feed Trade Association (Gafta), said in his annual report: "The action taken by the governments of certain exporting countries to place first an embargo and then restrictions on exports of oil seeds, particularly soya beans and meal, had an almost disastrous effect on the trade.

"We must be thankful that the number of bankruptcies which have taken place so far is not greater."

With London's fine communications network and its long history of commodity trading it was the logical place for the new market. A study group was set up by the council of Gafta late in 1973.

It was quickly realized that there was a great deal of support for a meal market from producers, shippers, dealers and consumers. Happily traders will now be able to cover their forward commitments to protect their supplies and profitability and for the first time the feedstuffs industry on this side of the Atlantic will have a useful international hedging medium.

It has been reported that sometimes parcels of soya beans are sold and resold more than 50 times before reaching the final delivery point.

Months of painstaking research come to fruition next Tuesday when the new London Soya Bean Meal Futures Market opens in the Corn Exchange Building, Mark Lane, the home of most of the other United Kingdom futures markets in agricultural products.

A new organization, the Gafta Soya Bean Meal Futures Association (Somfa) has been formed and will govern the market. Among its many objects Somfa will undertake, by arbitration, the formation of arbitration boards, conciliation or otherwise, the settlement of disputes arising in connexion with the new market and to appoint and afford facilities for arbitrators or conciliators.

Initially, the market will have 26 floor members at a fee of £4,000; associate members will pay a £2,000 fee. The market's trading hours will be 10.45 am to midday and from 2.50 to 5.10 pm.

There will be seven trading positions: February, April, June, August, October, December and February. Price quotations will be in sterling a ton of 1,000 kilos with a minimum fluctuation of 10p a ton.

The contract, which will be guaranteed by the International Commodities Clearing House if it is registered with it, will be of 100 tons of 1,000 kilos each. Its quality is: toasted extracted soya bean meal-pellets, warranted to contain: minimum, 44 per cent protein and fat; maximum, 0.5 per cent ureas: maximum, 7 per cent fibre; maximum, 2.5 per cent sand and/or silica, and maximum, 12.5 per cent moisture.

Should the goods tendered fail to meet any of these warranties, the buyers shall accept the goods at an allowance to be mutually agreed between buyer and storekeeper. The goods are guaranteed to have been manufactured in Europe, United States, Canada or Brazil.

Delivery is to be free to buyers ex-approved storage in Antwerp, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Rotterdam and the United Kingdom at sellers option and at contract price.

The seller shall be entitled to tender against an uncovered contract to the clearing house between 10 am and 4 pm during any business day between the seventh calendar day before the contract month of delivery and the twenty-second calendar day of the contract month of delivery. After the latter day all trading in that contract month of delivery shall cease.

Every tender shall specify the contract it represents, the store where the soya bean meal is stored and the country of origin. Should a tender not be duly made to the

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New market can stabilize prices

By using the new soya futures market as a hedge, manufacturers will be able to stabilize national prices for products based on soya protein, such as animal feedstuffs. This could have an important bearing on agricultural feed production and may help smooth out some of the more acute anomalies in price increases which farmers have to pay when their demand cannot be met. Mr Brian Rutherford, newly-elected president of Gafta (Grain and Animal Feed Trade Association), who has been one of the prime movers behind the soya futures market, believes that, when the market takes off, prices for soya-based products may become nationally cheaper.

"We believe that the use of the futures market as a hedge for physical transactions will permit manufacturers to benefit from falling market prices if these are properly covered. This will have obvious advantages to farmers who will be able to get cheaper protein", claims Mr Rutherford, who is the chief buyer for BOCM Silcock.

Until now soya futures prices have been based on trading in the Chicago market which has several disadvantages. It is largely a domestic based market; it is a dollar market, and the difference in time between Britain and the United States add to the difficulties of trading. Mr Rutherford thinks that a London-based market will identify itself more with the conditions in Europe as opposed to Chicago's domestic emphasis which is basically towards the needs of the United States, itself the largest producer and exporter of soya.

As the United States almost controls the market, world prices were thrown into total disarray when prohibition was imposed in 1973 because of crop failure. As a result prices soared and British farmers had to slaughter much of their stock because they could not afford to pay more for their winter feed.

The managing committee of the Soya Bean Meal Futures Association (above) discuss the opening of the market on the new trading floor.

This was one of the chief reasons which led Mr Rutherford and his Gafta colleagues to initiate a new futures market in London.

"In normal times", Mr Rutherford says, "the London market will, of course, mirror Chicago. But in times of surplus stock the physical arrivals in Europe of soya shipments will be discounted against trading in London futures."

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Facts behind huge US growth

by Dr Richard L. Sandor
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Since the inception of an organized futures market in soya bean meal on the Chicago Board of Trade in 1951, volume has grown dramatically from an initial level of less than 50,000 contracts annually to nearly 900,000 contracts in 1974. This phenomenal growth is easily understood when some simple facts are examined.

Futures trading in the soya bean complex in general, and soya bean meal in particular, provides the international grain trade with a rival tool for the reduction or elimination of price risk through the mechanism of hedging. The futures market is also used as a pricing medium, further promoting the efficient allocation of resources. The existence of futures markets in soya beans and soya bean oil, as well as soya bean meal, enables processes, feed manufacturers, oil refiners, edible oil manufacturers, exporters and importers to use the market.

Soya bean processors often hedge in the futures market to assure themselves of a fixed processing margin from the time they buy cash beans to the time they sell finished meal oil. Many processors acquire as much as 50 per cent of their annual soya bean requirements during the two-month harvest period when soya bean prices tend to be seasonally depressed and operate in favour of a profitable processing margin.

This usually presents the processor with the option of placing selling hedges against his uncommitted soya bean purchases in either soya bean futures or in oil and/or meal futures. One common method is to hedge cash purchases of beans by forward sales of appropriate quantities of meal and oil. This enables the processor to establish a "crushing margin" at the time soya beans actually move into his possession. This procedure hedges the raw soya bean inventory, assures the firm of a conversion profit and provides a high level of operating capacity.

Mixed feed manufacturers use soya bean meal futures in their procurement operations either to cover actual forward sales or probable forward needs. Forward sales are usually hedged by going long futures until the physical product is accumulated.

A pivotal factor in the growth of the soya bean meal futures market has been the unceasing expansion in high protein meal usage, with soya bean meal accounting for the predominant share of the domestic United States market as well as the overseas market. The expanding demand for protein meal has been closely associated with increased livestock and meat production, along with growth in the compound feed industry.

The mixed feed industry in most industrially advanced countries has expanded sharply and soya bean meal is the principal protein meal used in formulated feed. It enjoys acceptance in all animal rations and continues to be the focal point of the protein feed complex. About 70 per cent of United States soya bean meal production is used in poultry and livestock feed, the bulk of it in commercial mixed feeds. The remaining 30 per cent is exported to satisfy growing poultry and livestock numbers around the world.

The domestic use of soya bean meal has increased steadily since 1949, rising from 4,500,000 tons to 13,500,000 tons currently. Poultry and livestock are the prime demand with poultry taking almost 40 per cent of all soya bean meal fed, and livestock and remaining 60 per cent. There has been a moderate increase in livestock unit numbers, but a substantial gain in availables per unit.

On a per animal unit basis, the amount of high protein feed available for feeding increased from 240lb in 1950 to 382lb in 1970; soya bean meals contribution on a per animal basis increased from 110lb to 250lb. This increase partly reflects the significant strides made in scientific feeding methods, plus the ever growing use of oil feed meals which became available during the postwar period.

This growth occurred as soya bean processing capacity increased steadily with the upward trend in soya bean output, and growing markets for its end product. Processing capacity nearly doubled between 1960 and 1974 from 525 million bushels to more than 1,000 million bushels at present.

The growth of exports is equally impressive. Soya bean meal exports increased from a mere 47,000 tons in 1949 and less than one million tons in 1960 to nearly five million tons in 1972-73. Western Europe is now the major market, accounting for nearly three quarters of the total United States meal export.

While soya bean meal exports have expanded sharply in recent years, most United States meal is still exported in the form of soya beans. Of the total, 30 per cent may move abroad as meal, while 70 per cent moves in the form of soya beans. This arises out of the relative freight cost of soya beans and products as well as the differential tariffs favouring soya bean importation. Thus, while there is a rising demand for meal, it is often manifested by imports of soya beans rather than meal.

The outlook for protein meal is strong and remains bright as domestic and foreign markets continue to grow.

Total available high-protein seeds (in terms of 44 per cent protein soya bean meal equivalent) doubled in the postwar period from 10 million tons to a record 20 million tons. Soya bean meal's contribution to total high-protein feed supplies increased from 50 per cent in 1950 to 65 per cent in the current feeding year. Its share is expected to become even larger in the future.

Total high-protein feeds available are projected to rise sharply over the next 10 to 15 years, reaching a potential 29 million tons (44 per cent protein soya bean meal equivalent) by 1985. About 90 per cent of the prospective gain will be in soya bean meal. In 1985 soya bean meal may account for three quarters of the total high-protein feeds available, in contrast with 65 per cent this season.

It is important to emphasize that the sharp upward trend in United States production of soya bean meal has been sufficient to meet domestic requirements and to provide significantly increased quantities of meal for export, both as meal and in the form of soya beans for processing in the importing countries.

Going with the dramatic increase in the use of soya bean meal has been the growth of the Chicago Board of Trade's contract. It is designed to serve all phases of the industry and is continually being revised in accordance with changing patterns of production and distribution. Particular care is taken so that the expected increases in the use of soya bean meal can be accompanied by growth in the appropriate hedging medium.

The results of extensive arbitraging between markets should be improved liquidity in both Chicago and London and should create more viable hedging mediums for the international grain trade. In both continents the attention of the exchanges to serving the needs of their membership will continue to promote the most efficient allocation of resources.

Spinning a story of man without meat

by Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

In a scene almost worthy of the late A. P. Herbert, an hotelier friend of mine was accused recently of infringing the Trades Description Act because he served only one sausage at his lunch-time snack-counter: the menu outside clearly read sausages with a list of accompaniments like chips and peas. Explaining the discrepancy was difficult enough, but after changing the offending words he suggested that there were circumstances that might be even more embarrassing for caterers.

At least no one questioned the pedigree of the sausages that came from a well patronized local butcher. He wondered how long caterers could remain so confident about the description of sausages, hamburgers, beefburgers, chicken and so on, applied to an increasing variety of commodities containing a meat substitute.

He was talking about the trend in fabrication of foods from plants, like soyabeans, which are not traditional in our diets, but are often used in large quantities for compounding animal feedstuffs.

Long ignored nutriments

Soyabeans are the main source of the new foodstuffs for which synthetic meat flavourings are made to complete the disguise. Cottonseed, algae, microbial or single-cell protein derived from oil, sorghum, chick peas and other legumes, millet and a wide range of known sources long ignored for human nutrition are being investigated as substitutes. Soya stands out as particularly good for development.

Indeed, on my pantry shelf there is a packet from a well known manufacturer claiming to be Royal Savoury Mix (Sausage flavour)—hydrolyzed vegetable protein. Careful reading of the small print of the ingredients shows that it is soya-protein, plus an incredible number of colouring and flavouring additives. However, this type of food is considered very ordinary by the food technologists, who are developing ways of spinning vegetable fibres by complicated industrial processes to create an object indistinguishable to the human eye from beef or chicken.

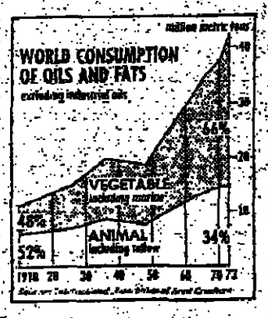
Food engineers will put bone and gristle in to complete the disguise, to suit the aesthetic foibles of the meat eaters in the industrial world. It changes the emphasis on research in vegetable protein, which until four or five years ago was to feed the starving Third World. The meat substitutes for the Third World were relatively crude products prepared by extruding soya meal. Nevertheless the process is cheap and provides a quick source of nutritional material.

The exotic stuff for western palates includes products like Kesp, produced by Courtaulds, and an extract developed by Ranks Hovis McDougall called Protena. There has been criticism in the past few months about the use of substances of this sort to form up to 10 per cent of school meals in some local authority districts.

The social, nutritional and economic aspects of the development of textured vegetable protein raise distinct issues. Almost 40 senior members of the food industry have concluded that by 1985 production of fresh meat would reach a plateau: after that we would be eating more and more meat substitutes.

Over the next 20 years the amount of vegetable protein produced would more than double and much of it would be converted into textured form. It seemed that the demand for variety in diet, the demand for alternatives to the increasing costs of present foods and anxieties about health risks would provide the main stimuli for change.

The economic value of soya beans lie in their protein and fat, which is extracted as soya bean oil.



Although the fat content is about 20 per cent and lower than other crops, soya bean oil has become the largest single source in the world of edible fat—ahead of butter and other oilseeds. The protein content is up to 45 per cent of the weight of the bean and provides an exceptionally high yield for any plant.

About three quarters of the soya bean crop is grown in the United States. China is the second largest producer, and Brazil is the only other exporter of any consequence. Attempts to grow on a large scale in Europe have met with little success because of a climate which is characterized by dry spells at the beginning of summer coinciding with an important part of the growing cycle for the plant. Parts of southern Asia and tropical Africa are thought suitable for soya cultivation.

Twenty years ago the soya bean harvest in the United States was a comparatively modest affair. Today the cash value and nutritional qualities of the soya bean have put it into the same class as wheat and coming up fast behind, corn (maize). Soya bean protein has less nutritional content than meat, but shortages in essential amino acids can be made up easily from other vegetables, including corn. Therefore, a completely meatless diet can be obtained: since the equivalent beef production calls for 15 to 20 times as much land as for the soya plant there are attractive arguments to extend acreages.

In theory, a move towards a more vegetarian diet would lower the cost of living and reduce the intake of dangerous fats. It would also lessen the type of intensive farming development that can harm the land.

Soya plants are legumes. In common with others in the family, like peas and clover, they harbour nitrogen-fixing bacteria and thus provide much of their own fertilizer. Yields from these crops are generally higher than those of other oilseed and dry pulse crops such as beans and peas, and botanists believe there is potential for increasing the production from each plant. Increases of two to three times more an acre have been estimated by some specialists.

Crops needing a low fertilizer consumption, such as the soya bean, have obvious attractions for developing countries seeking agricultural self-sufficiency and a cheap source of protein. It would certainly be easier for developing countries to plant large supplies of vegetable protein rather than build up meat production on a vast scale for all possible demands. There is an argument that the entire world food situation would benefit from greater reliance on vegetable protein.

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Near disaster showed need for European centre

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It is expected that arbitraging between London and the Chicago soya bean meal market will play an important and active part in dealings. Arbitraging is profitable whenever prices of the two markets do not stand in relationship to each other.

However, the market's main function will be for hedging purposes to offset possible losses on actual or physical goods which might result from an adverse movement in price.

Although hedging does not entirely eliminate price risks it does, however, prevent the trader from having too many sleepless nights. It certainly should be practised by everyone connected with buying and selling commodities.

It is generally realized that a futures market's economic function is to reduce the cost of distribution from producer to consumer, but there are other costs that need to be taken into consideration.

These are: the cost of carrying a commodity through time; the risk of loss which is always present in changing values; the additional costs which are incurred when a commodity is uneconomically directed either in space or time.

Futures markets help to provide an ascertainable maximum cost at which the commodity can be carried through time from a near to a distant position. It has to be realized that someone somewhere has to carry an agricultural product because it cannot all be marketed at harvest.

They provide the trade with the means of insuring against changes in the value of a commodity during the period of distribution. This risk cannot be eliminated in a free market.

They also help by indicating the expected future price: it provides an incentive either to increase or decrease future production and to conserve or dispose of spot supplies, thereby equating supply and demand.

Qualifications for floor membership of the soya bean meal futures market are: membership of Gafta, ICCH (the clearing house) and the London Commodities Exchange; they must have an office in London and must be companies or firms, not individuals.

John Woodland, who died on March 11 while this report was being prepared, was Commodities Editor from 1967.

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(Raw protein basis—in tonnes)

	1974-75*	1973-74	1972-73	1971-72
Major carryover				
stocks, Oct 1	000's	000's	000's	000's
soya bean meal	977	483	466	460
United States	359	122	147	112
W Germany and Japan (at mills)	66	39	20	35
Other countries†	552	322	299	313
fish meal	467	373	517	923
Peru	78	55	44	431
Norway	97	90	97	144
S & SW Africa	87	46	43	62
Other main exporters(a)	45*	42*	32*	62*
Other countries	160	140*	301*	224*
total	1,444	856	983	1,383
PRODUCTION				
soya bean meal	16,700	17,884	15,308	14,492
cottonseed meal	3,920	3,870	3,790	3,517
groundnut meal	1,940	1,848	1,809	2,130
sunflower meal	1,300	1,932	1,528	1,668
rapeseed meal	1,310	1,326	1,340	1,261
sesame meal	275	282	295	300
copra meal	320	271	320	344
palm kernel meal	130	123	113	124
linseed meal	485	487	549	621
fish meal	2,950	2,597	2,417	3,062
total	29,830	30,418	27,469	27,919
total supply	31,274	31,274	28,452	28,902
disappearance	30,200	29,830	27,596	27,919
closing stocks	1,074	1,444	856	983

* estimated. † including stocks outside mills in West Germany and Japan. (a) Denmark, Iceland, Chile, Angola, Morocco, and Canada.
Source: Oil World.

WORLD PRODUCTION OF MAJOR OILMEALS

	1974-75*	1973-74	1972-73	1971-72
In actual weight (metric tons)	000's	000's	000's	000's
Soya bean	36,700	38,444	33,279	31,504
Cottonseed	9,560	9,440	9,245	8,579
Groundnut	3,730	3,550	3,479	4,096
Sunflower	4,500	4,829	3,820	4,179
Rapeseed	3,853	3,900	3,940	3,708
Sesame	687	705	738	750
Copra	1,455	1,230	1,455	1,563
Palm kernel	565	534	490	540
Linseed	1,347	1,352	1,524	1,724
Fish	4,540	3,996	3,719	4,711
total	66,937	67,980	61,689	61,345

WORLD PRODUCTION OF SOYA BEANS

United States	33,475	42,400	34,581	32,008
Brazil	9,500	7,000	4,826	3,666
China	9,750	9,800	9,200	9,600
Other countries	4,275	3,980	3,153	2,908
total	57,000	62,980	51,760	48,180

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Traders from all over the world head for London to settle complex disputes

by Derek Harris

Two European grain traders of a volatile temperament not long ago made what they thought would be a usefully flexible arrangement about shipment in which they had an interest. The captain of the cargo ship was told on his fifth day out of port to expect instructions to go to either one of two ports.

The fifth day of steaming came and the captain duly got instructions, one set directing him to one port and another set ordering him to the other. Hasty radio messages produced no clearer instruction so, despairingly, the captain headed for another port roughly equidistant between the two originally nominated.

Given the traders' temperaments and the fact that quite a lot of money was involved in terms of prices available at the different ports for the grain, the subsequent row was fast and furious. But, like many similar differences, the tangled skein of misunderstandings and misinstruction was unravelled and an agreed arbitration made in some quiet anterooms adjoining the Baltic Exchange at St Mary Axe in London.

This is the headquarters of the Grain and Feed Trade Association (Gafta), formed less than four years ago by a merger of two historic associations, the London Corn Trade Association—formed in 1878—and the Cattle Food Trade Association, set up in 1906.

Gafta, with a highly specialized staff of about 30, is now to the grain and feedingstuffs world what Lloyd's is to insurance. It establishes benchmarks for the quality of commodities and lays down contracts and procedures that are accepted world wide.

It has an unparalleled arbitration service to take advantage of which traders in dispute will travel to London from every continent.

Many cases are settled by simple arbitration by experienced professionals from companies in the trade drawn from other countries as well as the United Kingdom. But everybody has the option of a second-stage appeal. A third professional is appointed as umpire, with the two previous arbitrators then putting each side of the case to him.

There is also—a tribute to the world regard for the English style of justice—a special procedure through which a case can go through the United Kingdom legal system as far as the House of Lords.

It is an invaluable safety valve because, particularly since commodity prices took to a pattern of exceptional movements in the past year, well over £1m can be involved in a judgment one way or the other.

Mr Bill Englebright, the Gafta secretary, admits to understatement when he describes the last year as "rather busy". In 1974 there were 1,830 arbitrations, of which 794 went to a second-stage appeal and 51 continued into the courts.

He sees the new soya bean meal futures market reducing the need for arbitration. "It will allow everybody to lessen their risks by hedging without doing this in the 'actual physical) goods market", he explained.

Last year's prohibition on the export of soya bean meal by the United States, causing great swings in price and prompting many disputes over dating, was one of the main causes of last year's exceptional demand for arbitration.

"Let me explain one composite case", said Mrs Pamela Croft, Gafta's arbitration contracts secretary. "We have 72 different standard contracts for grains and feeding-stuffs, from French wheat to United States soya bean meal and Chinese rice. Many traders around the world although they draw up their own contracts, will add a note that it is subject to Gafta contract so-and-so, which means they come to us if necessary as touchstone on quality or price or procedure."

Her typical case concerned 1,000 tons of United States toasted soya bean meal, of fair average quality (Gafta keeps samples by the score of present produce which establishes the benchmark for such quality, and testing at the headquarters goes on continuously to provide this world service).

A German seller had bought the shipment months before (on the physical market it has been common to do this as much as 12 months in advance). It was now being shipped to Rotterdam to a buyer in Holland with intervening brokers in Rotterdam.

The contract with the Dutch buyer had been drawn up to the Gafta formula, on May 18, 1974, at a price of $329 (about £137) a ton, and the bill of lading—which indicates the actual shipping date of goods—was for September 8. But the Dutch buyers had expected an earlier shipping date than that, had themselves committed the cargo to another buyer and when it did not arrive in time to fulfil that further contract had to buy in the spot market to cover themselves.

When the United States shipment did arrive in Rotterdam it could only be sold into the market at the going price which had tumbled to $197.50 (about £82) a ton. Faced with the possible loss, the Dutch rejected the shipping documents when the cargo arrived at Rotterdam.

When the case came to London it was proved that, although the actual sailing date had been late, it was due to a breakdown of loading machinery—and that force majeure situation, one of many that can be invoked, was covered by the Gafta contract.

So the award by the arbitrators in London was that the buyers were not entitled to reject the shipping documents and that they had to pay the German sellers $131,500 (about £54,791), that being the difference in the contract price and the actual price obtained in Rotterdam for the soya bean meal on resale.

The buyers also got 10 per cent interest on the settlement sum as between the start of the dispute and the date of the award (the rate reflecting the fact that all such contracts are operated by way of the Eurodollar market).

The difficulty the Dutch buyers found themselves in, locked into a delivery contract and a selling-on contract, is typical of the operations of this sort of market. Where an original seller has for some reason defaulted, it has sometimes resulted in a series of cases for the Gafta arbitrators involving a string of up to 70 different consequent transactions.

Mr Englebright explained: "This sort of stringing is typical of the physical sales market. It is precisely that which the new futures market should eliminate. Which should make the calls on our arbitration mechanism less frequent."

But not less necessary. Gafta expects to be a world authority on standards and procedure for a long time yet.



Vegetable protein which is served as a meat substitute at the Godmother restaurant, South Molton Street, London, W1 (above) and Mr Henry Maringer, one of the leaders in establishing the new London soya bean meal futures market (right).

American dealer is happy to be an addict

by Ronald Emler

Mr Henry Maringer is getting a special and unusual birthday present this year. He has been one of the leaders in the establishment of the new London soya bean meal futures market and, by coincidence, the first day of trading falls on April 8, his forty-fourth birthday.

The managing director of ACLI International Commodity Services, the London offshoot of a worldwide commodity broking group, Mr Maringer has been in commodities for about 25 years. After moving to the United States from Belgium during the war he became a naturalized American and after spells in Paris, Tokyo and New York he started the London branch of ACLI four years ago "with one desk and a telephone".

Mr Maringer says he is "addicted to commodities". He specializes in grains and, most important, in grain futures, although ACLI itself as a brokerage house has considerable interest in the physicals as well. He went into commodities after leaving college because he wanted to be involved in something "exciting, dynamic and international". And it is the international aspect of the futures markets that appeals to him most. He travels widely and often, both in search of new clients and new markets, and keeps closely in touch with world events because, as he says, the most weird rumours can conjure strange effects in the commodity markets and clients expect to be able to take advice at most unusual times.

It is his keen interest in world events that left him disillusioned with his brief flirtation with the Wall Street stock market. He found it "staid, with no dynamism", and it is the similar parochial nature of the Chicago market in soya bean futures that is one of the main reasons he sees behind the need for the new London market. He says Chicago is too oriented to domestic American prices and much too inflexible.

As a result, buyers on the Continent can find prevailing prices out of step with Chicago, where with its strict trading limits, they can find themselves locked into a declining market which can severely hamper their "hedging" operations. London's much more flexible trading conditions will allow the professional "hedger" much wider scope.

Mr Maringer acknowledges that it will be the professionals who will make the London market in its early stages but believes that later the speculators will move in to play their part. "The speculator is an important part of the industry", he says, "because he carries the risk that the hedger does not want."

He thinks the market will grow very rapidly, and that because of the enormous growth in soya based foods and associated products, soya meal futures could become one of the most important sectors in the London commodity market. He says there is tremendous growth potential for soya products and that London is the ideal market to serve the futures demand.

Mr Maringer is looking forward to the day, which he hopes will come soon, when international companies stop quoting their soya raw material cost projections against the Chicago market, and use London.

He believes that the 26 members of the new trading ring set up under the auspices of the Grain and Feed Trade Association have much in their favour. First, London is, with Chicago, the world commodities centre and in a geographical way it has time on its side. Far Eastern traders are still operating when Mr Maringer's office opens at 8 am and before it closes 12 hours later much of the day's trading is complete in the New World.

Second, Mr Maringer believes, there is the sheer weight of reputation of the London markets and the proven skill of their operations. While soya meal futures will be a new venture there is no reason why the market cannot become highly refined quickly. Certainly the expertise is available.

Mr Maringer believes London is about to fill a long-standing gap in international commodity markets. Chicago has not been able to provide a viable hedging medium for soya meal on a truly international basis. London, he says, will. And that is why he has been in on the scheme from the start. It meets all his personal objectives. With the rapidly increasing demand for soya as world population outstrips food production it will certainly be stimulating, and dynamic, and, no doubt, profitable.



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Main weapon in the battle against world hunger

by Desmond Bird
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Human beings require carbohydrates for energy and protein for body building if they are to thrive and maintain reasonable health. Energy is derived mainly from cereals like wheat and maize after processing into flour, bread and breakfast cereals. Maize can also be eaten without processing: corn on the cob in our western civilization, "mealies" to the native populations of the African continent.

In the Far East the predominant cereal for centuries has been rice, which requires little or no processing before consumption. Another source of energy in these areas is manioc, more commonly known as tapioca.

Some cereals, like barley, although predominantly for livestock feeding, do make a contribution to human energy requirements in western society through their use in brewing and distilling.

The balance in the human diet is derived from protein, mostly animal protein—milk, meat, eggs and fish—although cereals contain up to about 10 per cent vegetable protein.

The growth in world population—particularly in the underdeveloped areas of the world where traditionally life expectation is shorter and families larger to ensure at least one survivor to support the parents in old age—has been the cause of concern for more than a century. More recently, however, as medical knowledge has reached out to the backward areas of the world, life expectancy has increased without any corresponding reduction in the birth rate and the spectre of hunger and famine has been brought much nearer to reality.

Communications are so rapid that scenes of disaster can be relayed round the entire globe in a matter of seconds by satellite. Thus public awareness and conscience can be aroused much more quickly than in the past and relief organized.

It is an anachronism that, although shortage of protein is the main cause of malnutrition in the underdeveloped countries of the world, these countries have been the traditional source of vegetable protein for conversion into livestock products in the developed countries.

The tropical oil-bearing nuts and seeds—cotton seed, groundnut, copra and palm kernel—leave high protein cakes and meals when the oil is expelled by crushing or extracted by solvents. While these residues are unsuitable for direct human consumption along with animal protein—fishmeal, meat and bone meal—they do provide, when mixed with cereals, feed for intensive livestock and poultry production in the developed world. Traditionally, therefore, the temperate and more affluent regions of the world were more or less entirely dependent on the tropical regions for their basic high protein ingredients for livestock and poultry feeding.

As intensive livestock production began to expand in the inter-war years in the western world, the search was on for a temperate source of vegetable protein. Oilseed rape, linseed and sunflower all had something to offer, but for a variety of reasons none could match up to the basic requirements as an adequate substitute.

The potential of the soya bean was enormous, for not only did it provide edible oil and a high protein meal for livestock, it was also suitable for human consumption—although some who ate the notorious soya-link sausages during the last war might dispute this. Today, however, soya, suitably disguised by flavourings, is making an increasing contribution, not only in institutional cooking but in home cooking as well, both in the United States and more recently in the United Kingdom.

Experiments by plant breeders in the United States with the original Manchurian bean showed that little development was needed to produce beans which would thrive in those areas where maize could be grown. The basic requirements for growth are a period of warmth for initial growth, followed by a fairly long period in which to mature.

Thus, in the Mid-west of the United States beans in a normal year are planted in the first half of June and harvested in October-November. Therefore they fit in well with other cereals, wheat and maize, which are planted a few weeks earlier and harvested in August-September. In this way the soya bean crop prolongs both the growing and harvesting season and makes the maximum use of the farm machinery which is equally acceptable for both crops.

The exacting climatic requirements for growing soya beans are such that it cannot be grown in the Canadian Prairies since frosts come too early in the autumn. The European Economic Community is encouraging the development of a token production of soya within the Community.

Soya beans can either be transported to their ultimate destination in unprocessed form or as meal after removal of most of the oil. In present conditions where feedingstuff raw materials are being shipped increasingly in bulk carriers, in loads of anything up to 50,000 tons, large processing plants are being set up in the importing countries. Such a plant was set up in Amsterdam in the late 1960s. With the hinterland served by the Rhine and British coastal ports as its market for meal it was processing up to one million tons of beans a year within a few years.

More recently Unilever has established a soya bean crushing plant at Erith, Kent, primarily to meet its requirements for soya oil in margarine manufacture, but with a large tonnage of soya bean meal for animal feedingstuffs manufacture, an important by-product. A proposal by one of the large Continental grain shipping companies to establish a crushing plant close to the new grain terminal at Seaforth, near Liverpool, has recently been announced.

In addition to bulk imports of beans, large quantities of meal, often pelleted to ensure easy flow compared with the caking which occurs with untreated meal when carried in bulk, continue to be imported into the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe.

Soya provides nearly 50 per cent of the world's total production of the five principal oil seeds, while the United States provides about 70 per cent of total world soya production. The only producers of soya of any great importance, apart from the United States, are China and Brazil (see table A).

Again, if we look at world trade in the main oil seeds and meals, we find that soya provides about 70 per cent of total world exports of these commodities (see table B).

In looking at these production and export figures it is important to realize that soya has been almost entirely responsible for meeting the massive increase in demand which has developed over the past 20 years for compound animal feedingstuffs for intensive livestock and poultry production. For example, in the original six countries of the EEC production of compound feedingstuffs rose between 1961 and 1972 from 13,750,000 tonnes to 38,080,000 tonnes. Without soya such an expansion would have been impossible.

In June, 1973, for a few weeks it looked as if total supplies of animal and vegetable protein would be insufficient to meet world demand. The sudden disappearance of Peruvian fishmeal from the world market put an unprecedented strain on the available supplies of vegetable proteins. In desperation, the United States, regardless of contractual commitments and obligations, took the unpopular step of banning all exports of soya while it examined its protein inventories.

Canada, an important outlet for American soya, quickly followed suit to protect its own domestic supply, as did some big suppliers of other oil seeds. It was only after intense diplomatic and commercial pressure, coupled with a reappraisal of the supply position and the proximity of a record 1973 United States soya harvest, that international trading was resumed in September of that year.

One lasting benefit of the 1973 protein shortage was that it alerted a somewhat sceptical world to the possibility that protein supplies, and therefore human food supplies, might at any time prove inadequate to meet demand. Although there has been a world-wide recession in the upward trend of animal feedingstuffs consumption in the past 12 months because of economic circumstances, world demand for protein feeds in the medium and long term must increase under the twofold stimulus of a larger global population and improving living standards, particularly in the underdeveloped and developing nations of the world.

Are the world's resources adequate to meet the inevitable increase in demand? A look at the inventory of existing oil seed production in the main areas of the world confirms that it is the soya bean that holds the key. The tropical vegetable proteins—groundnut, cotton seed, copra and palm kernel—are likely to be increasingly used for domestic consumption since they are grown in the areas—India, East and West Africa and Sudan—most in need of improved living standards. As a result, it seems certain that the volume available for export to the rest of the world must decline.

Inevitably, it is the soya bean that will have to carry the main burden of meeting increased world demand, particularly from Western Europe, Japan, Russia and Eastern Europe, which rely heavily on imports (see Table C).

The main areas of production of soya beans are the United States, China and Brazil. China is already a net importer and seems likely to remain so in the years ahead. Brazil, with the marketing advantage that its crop is harvested in May, about six months before the United States crop, seems likely to step up both its production and exports. On the other hand, South America is an area where living standards are likely to improve substantially over the next 10 years, and Brazil cannot be expected to give first priority to developed importing countries, like our own, in other hemispheres. Clearly, it is the United States to which we shall have to look for increasing supplies.

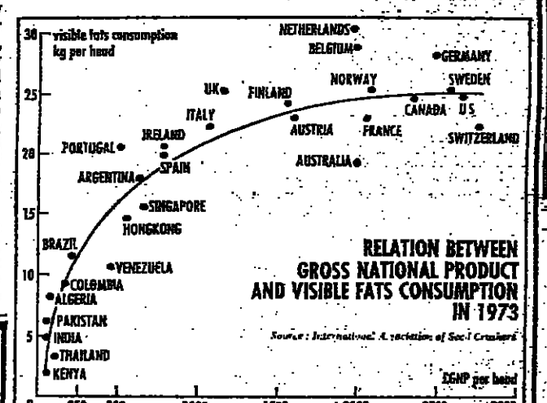
In the main growing areas in the United States the cropping choice will lie between maize and soya bean. To some extent, therefore, the prices obtained in the previous year will determine the acreage to be planted in the next.

The only real way to improve the living standards in the underdeveloped countries is to improve the efficiency of their own agricultural production which often, due to lack of finance and technical skill coupled with prejudice, religious or otherwise, is lamentably low. Surely it cannot be wrong to encourage these people to develop their own production of poultry meat by far the most efficient way of turning cereals and indigenous vegetable proteins into much needed human animal protein.

If this happens, then the developed countries of the world are likely to become more and more dependent on soya beans for their cheapest source of vegetable protein. Whichever way you look at it, the future for soya must be bright. Indeed, the developed countries of the world can be thankful that soya production was expanded when it was. Without it their diet would be very different from what it is today.



The world's future in the balance: the Grain and Animal Feed Trade Association determining the natural weight per bushel of wheat.



RELATION BETWEEN GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AND VISIBLE FATS CONSUMPTION IN 1973

Source: International Association of Seed Crushers

Table A Main areas of World Production of Five Main Oilseeds
1973-74 Estimate (Million tons)

	Soya beans	Cotton seed	Groundnuts (shelled) 1972-73	Sunflower seed	Rape seed	Total
US	42.2	4.7	1.04	.24	—	48.18
China	9.6	3.0	1.93	—	1.2	15.73
Soviet Union	.43	4.8	—	7.3	—	12.53
Brazil	7.0	1.2	.42	—	—	8.62
India	—	.84	2.75	—	1.5	5.09
Argentine	.54	.20	.31	1.0	—	2.05
Pakistan	—	1.3	—	—	.3	1.60
Canada	.39	—	—	—	1.2	1.59
Turkey	—	.81	—	.55	—	1.36
Mexico	.51	.64	—	—	—	1.15
Romania	.20	—	—	.88	—	1.08
Egypt	—	.87	—	—	—	0.87
Sudan	—	.45	.34	—	—	0.79
France	—	—	—	—	.65	0.65
Nigeria	—	.10	.51	—	—	0.61
Poland	—	—	—	—	.54	0.54
Bulgaria	—	—	—	.50	—	0.50
Senegal	—	—	.30	—	—	0.30
Sweden	—	—	—	—	.29	0.29
West Germany	—	—	—	—	.22	0.22
Tanzania	—	.15	—	—	—	0.15
Uganda	—	.13	—	—	—	0.13
	60.87	19.19	7.60	10.47	5.90	104.03
World production	62.60	22.20	10.40	12.10	6.80	114.10

Table B Principal Oilseed and Meal World net Exports 1973
('000 tons)

	*Seed	Meal	Total
Soya beans	11,725	6,149	17,874
Cotton seed	188	1,505	1,693
Groundnut	320	1,590	1,910
Sunflower seed	240	463	703
Rapeseed	867	211	1,078
Sesame	137	44	181
Copra	418	643	1,061
Palm kernel	153	214	367
Linseed	386	460	846
Total	14,434	11,279	25,713

*Oilseeds shown as their meal equivalent.

Table C Net Imports of Main Regions in 1973 (Provisional)
('000 tons)

		*Seed	Meal	Total	1972 Total
US	Soya beans	—	—	—	—
	Others	102	22	124	123
	Fish meal	—	62	62	356
	Total	102	84	186	479
West Europe	Soya beans	6,678	3,336	10,014	10,470
	Others	1,719	4,486	6,205	6,574
	Fish meal	—	977	977	1,745
	Total	8,397	8,799	17,196	18,789
Japan	Soya beans	2,872	275	3,147	2,734
	Others	741	296	1,037	943
	Fish meal	—	70	70	28
	Total	3,613	641	4,254	3,705
Russia & East Europe	Soya beans	701	1,800	2,501	2,113
	Others	109	818	927	1,075
	Fish meal	—	430	430	536
	Total	810	3,048	3,858	3,724

*Oilseeds shown as their meal equivalent.

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A BUNGLED VISIT

The chief casualties of Mr Shelepin's visit to Britain are the reputations of the general council of the TUC and its general secretary Mr Len Murray. Mr Shelepin on return to Moscow well satisfied with the fraternal changes which are the subject of the TUC's public report on the visit. And since he was not prepared, or not permitted, to listen to any of those who were objecting to his presence here, he can deceive himself and others by dismissing them as a group of professionals dedicated to wrecking détente. The TUC and Mr Murray meanwhile remain behind to suffer the embarrassment of a badly bungled visit.

Bungled it was, though they deserve a certain amount of sympathy. This was a *return* visit in pursuance of the legitimate objective of opening lines of communication with the organizations which describe themselves as trade unions in the Soviet Union. Mr Shelepin, with his odious political background, *was not the TUC's choice.* He is chairman of the USSR's central trade union organization. The TUC could not refuse to receive him without breaking off their attempt to re-establish relations. And having agreed to receive him the obligations of a host, which include the taking of some precautions against gross discourtesy and physical harm, dictated much of the hugger-mugger, "blaze of secrecy" nature of the visit.

When these extenuations have been considered, the TUC remains very much at fault in the way the visit was handled. It was not robust with Mr Shelepin beforehand by explaining to him that he would be expected to meet and argue with critics of himself and of the organization which he presently leads. It provided no opportunity for such meetings while the Soviet party was here. Mr Murray got the TUC into the ridiculous position of shrinking in maidenly horror from street demonstrations, which are an essential part of the stock-in-trade of the labour movement. And worst of all the stuff-pastry which the TUC offered by way of a statement on Tuesday night contained no recognition, no hint, of the all-important fact that Russian trade unions are a different species from English trade unions, and that they are in English trade-union eyes seriously defective. There could be no more striking illustration of that fact than the presence in their midst of Mr Shelepin *himself, a member of the politburo who came to be chief spokesman for organized labour by way of the portfolio of secret police.*

The Russians see visits such as these primarily as part of their foreign policy, the main aim of which at the moment is to foster an atmosphere of détente with the West. Among other things they want to promote trade and lessen Western *suspicion of their intentions. Contacts with Western trade unions serve to enhance their international respectability, to improve their image among Western working classes, and to permit the exercise of more influence on Western and international trade union life. They are anxious to heal the East-West schism of 1949 and are probably thinking in terms of a pan-European trade union federation that would be independent of the anti-Communist International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. This would give them an institutionalized foothold in West European trade union affairs.*

In London they got most of what they wanted in the formal TUC statement referring to "constructive conversations held in a friendly atmosphere" and "similarity in their attitudes to a range of issues", the suggestion that the wartime Anglo-Soviet trade union committee should be resurrected, and the agreed statements on foreign affairs.

Western aims are less clear and less well thought out. From a strictly trade union point of view East-West contacts make sense to the extent that East-West industrial cooperation is increasing and Western unions will, for instance, want to know about the use of cheap Soviet labour by Western firms. There may also be some limited value in discussions about working conditions, safety, welfare, and so on. In the wider context of détente these contacts can play their part in overcoming ignorance on both sides and giving the Russians an interest in pursuing moderation —the greater the stake in these contacts the less willing they will be to rupture them by acts such as the invasion of Czechoslovakia. It is also assumed that as East-West contacts broaden they will have an educative effect on Soviet elites and thus help to counter the misinformation about the West that is fostered by Soviet media.

However, this will come about only if the West resists pressures to accept Soviet conditions for pursuing these contacts. If one of the reasons for accepting the visit of Mr Shelepin is that he and his delegation should learn at first hand about the Western way of life, it was useless to deny them so completely the opportunity to do so. Without exposure to press and public, to those with points to make and causes to plead, that object of the visit was frustrated. And it would have done nothing but good if TUC leaders had expressed public criticism of the Soviet denial to workers and dissenters of rights that are cherished in the West.

The spirit of détente does not demand that people refrain from mutual criticism. The Russians themselves repeat that détente does not mean the end of ideological struggle. It does mean moving from the simplicities of direct confrontation and mutual isolation to a much more complex and challenging relationship in which, if it is to make any sense, both societies must be ready for a degree of contact that could be unsettling. This is a challenge which an open society ought to be able to face and welcome, but it demands self-examination and an acute awareness of what the Soviet Union is doing. The TUC, by contrast, has given an impression of amateurishness in relation with highly trained Soviet officials, and of excessive readiness to play the game the Soviet way.

FULL CIRCLE FOR MR SITHOLE

Mr Ian Smith's Government have got the Reverend Ndabaningi Sithole back in prison whence they released him as part of the arrangements made last December in Salisbury, Lusaka and Pretoria to attempt a fresh *settlement in Rhodesia. The High Court has ruled that on the evidence given at the partly secret trial last week Mr Sithole's detention on March 4 on various charges of fomenting terrorism was justified. The charges, the trial, the judgment, and the Government's motives will all be regarded with considerable scepticism.*

When Mr Sithole was arrested the charge that impressed the outside world was that he was plotting to murder his African political opponents—Mr Nkomo, Bishop Muzorewa and Mr Gabella. If the Government could prove such a sensational charge, it was clear the precarious unity of the ANC and the coalition of African leaders to negotiate with Mr Smith would be shattered. Mr Sithole prepared strenuously to defend himself against that charge.

Then the Government produced additional and more familiar charges of plotting and encouraging violence (which the ZANU activists in the field had never entirely given up, so that the ceasefire planned in Lusaka never came properly into effect). These charges were a developed version of the charges that put Mr Sithole behind bars in 1964. It was the correspondence between the charge of plotting to kill his African associates and rivals, and his conviction in 1969 for plotting, in prison, to have Mr Smith assassinated that made last week's trial of crucial import. Was the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole a man who not just approves, as leader of ZANU, *terrorism against the white regime, which he calls war,* but a man prepared ruthlessly to murder his African associates?

When the prosecution dropped this major charge Mr Sithole shrewdly abjured any defence against the fresh terrorism charges. In the eyes of Africans at least the Government have admitted that their evidence will not stand up. Mr Justice Macdonald has said that the charges were only dropped to ensure the safety of witnesses and avoid a wholly secret hearing. This would be a more acceptable explanation if he had not contrived to imply that Mr Sithole was guilty anyway. Nor does he explain why, if Mr Sithole's position and communist ideas required his detention in 1965, he was released in 1974, only to be detained again in 1975. Mr Sithole's failure to enforce a ceasefire is the only discernible reason.

The chances are that so far from discrediting Mr Sithole the Government have merely proclaimed that he is the leader they fear most of all. This will hardly make it easier for Bishop Muzorewa and Mr Nkomo to come to an agreement with Mr Smith.

What then have Mr Smith and Mr Lardner-Burke achieved? They may have thought they could make the original charge stand up and when this proved impossible fell back on incitement to terrorism—and Mr Justice Macdonald has obliged them with a ringing comprehensive judgment. But unless ZANU is repudiated in Rhodesia, they will not get a settlement. It looks as if they were less and less interested in one. Perhaps they feel that they were rushed into talks about talks in December and a cooler assessment of the situation suggests to them that Rhodesia is in no great danger from ZANU or anyone else. If so, they have returned to their former policy.

NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH

In a secular age the practice of exorcism may appear to many in the Christian Church as well as outside it to be an unfortunate and bizarre relic of an age of superstition, a contamination of the Gospel by a primitive and ageless belief in demons and witchcraft. The knowledge that such a view of exorcism is widespread has discouraged the clergy, some of whom anyway may be presumed to share it, from too conspicuous a discussion or even an acknowledgment of this ancient practice. So exorcism has been relegated for the most part to a demi-monde of eccentric priests and credulous participants, however well intentioned and sincere—to emerge into public view only at moments of scandal.

This has discouraged the efforts of those who argue for the careful regulation of exorcism. In 1972 a commission convened by the former Bishop of Exeter made two sensible recommendations for such regulation; that no exorcism should take place until the possibility of mental or physical illness had been excluded and "a thorough investigation had been made of the patient in terms of spiritual values", and that no exorcism should take place without the explicit permission of the bishop. Neither recommendation has been put into general effect in the Church of England, although a canon of 1604 required the explicit permission of a diocesan bishop for each case of exorcism of a person.

The Bishop of Wakefield, in whose diocese occurred the fatal tragedy which has brought the subject to the fore again, indicated yesterday that he intends to get a grip on the practice. Other dioceses, and other communions, would be well advised to do likewise—as the Roman Catholic Church appears already to have done. There is no need, on the basis of this one fearful misadventure, to condemn all exorcism. Agnosticism about the mechanics of the procedure is compatible with a readiness to suppose that it may in the right circumstances be efficacious. Nor does psychiatry offer so complete an inventory of the furniture of consciousness as to exclude all other pieces.

But there are special reasons why those under whose authority the thing is done should enforce firm safeguards. The popularity of pentecostalism creates a climate favourable to experiment in this form of rite. A growing taste for dabbling in the occult creates a risk of debasement of religion, via this channel, into superstition and magic. And exorcism over persons—as distinct from exorcism over places, which is harmless by comparison —grapples with states of acute mental disturbance where the consequences for the patient of crude or uninstructed intervention can be very serious indeed.

Threat to Chilston Park

From Lord Monckton of Brenchley and others

Sir, On March 25 your Planning Reporter drew attention to the fate hanging over Chilston Park. Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, has indicated that his preference is for the M20 to follow a route that will take it across the park immediately in front of the principal facade of the mansion. He has, however, agreed to study any further representations before reaching a final decision.

Chilston is not perhaps widely known but John Evelyn, the diarist, described it in 1666 as "a sweetly watered place" and today Pevsner's *Buildings of England* refers to the park as "one of the choicest in the country".

The medieval mansion was remodelled in 1728 and is listed as grade one whilst the park is designated as of special scientific interest. The good architecture, an exciting system of lakes and ponds and the aged and majestic specimen trees combine to produce a supremely beautiful place full of peace and tranquillity.

A vista from the north front of the mansion passes over the lake and through a gap in the rolling country to a clump of conifers on the summit of the North Downs. At this vital scenic gap the motorway will cut across an embankment and will utterly destroy both the majesty of the vista and the serenity of the place.

The bodies which we represent have each asked Mr Crosland to think again. We hope he will instruct his engineers to design a route that avoids both this beautiful park and the neighbouring hamlet of Sandway. We earnestly believe that this can be done thereby causing the minimum of harm both to people and to the environment.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

European view of the referendum

From Herr Jürgen A. Paleit

Sir, One central proposition in your Political Editor's comment on the British Government's White Paper on Membership of the EEC should not go without comment. David Wood concludes (on March 31):

"The years of exposure to British bargaining have caused some loss of the founding fathers' vision and ambition and a gain in (using the better sense of the word) pragmatism" . . .

and more clearly:

"The Heath-Rippon negotiation began it and the Wilson-Callaghan renegotiation has completed it: the EEC is now living in the world of fact rather than dreams."

At what price? One can only ask. The after-war generation in Germany was made to believe in British parliamentary strength, democratic stability and a basic common-sense and pragmatism of British politicians and the public alike. That is why I as many others of the after-war generation strongly welcomed British entry into the EEC and expected an invigoration of democracy.

These dreams do not exist any longer. The facts are: British renegotiation motivated by internal political difficulties under the blackmailing threat of breaking a treaty signed by nine governments and ratified by nine national parliaments has exposed clearly the fundamental weakness of today's British political system. To accommodate the powerful forces—to a great extent operating outside Parliament—who have already brought down two constitutionally elected governments, the democratic rules are being changed. British renegotiation of EEC-membership shows just the tip of an iceberg: the political authority and stability of constitutional and democratic institutions will inevitably decline and finally be eroded as a result of prolonged economic and social conflicts.

The attitude of people like myself on the continent—who are sympathetic to Britain—will be much more sceptical towards Britain. These are unfortunately the new facts that have replaced former dreams. Britain will have to earn back her partly lost reputation as a reliable, stable and European-minded Western partner. It is still the hope that an overwhelming Yes vote in the referendum will further this end. However, the very weakness in which British parliamentary democracy is seen today is emphasized by the uncertainty which surrounds the possible reaction of Parliament and the forces outside Parliament to a No-vote or Yes-vote respectively.

Let us hope that a rebirth of European idealism based upon the development of strong European democratic institutions will stem from a positive referendum; it would not only do no harm, as David Wood suggests, but it will be urgently needed if Europe is to become a viable entity. People will not be inspired by facts alone. Otherwise the negative impact on the democratic structure and future of Western Europe will increase.

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Alternatives to prison

From Mr Peter Reddaway

Sir, Mr Nicholas Hinton asks (April 1): "Are there any particular and valid reasons why the English public and judiciary should consider it appropriate that so many offences should attract very much longer sentences than their Dutch counterparts?"

Having just returned from Holland and Belgium and, inter alia, discussed these matters there, may I suggest one particular and perhaps partially valid reason? The Dutch are worried at the growing rate of certain categories of crime, and fear that their exceptionally lenient sentencing policy may in part explain it. Belgians I spoke to (and the Belgians, like us, have a proportion of their population in prison which is three or four times higher than the Dutch) supported this view, and pointed out that Belgians and other foreigners cross into Holland to commit crimes, knowing that the penalties will be much less if they are caught.

None the less, I still support strongly Mr Hinton's proposals on how to reduce our prison population. Prisons so clearly breed criminality, and are very expensive. We need not necessarily go as far or as fast as the Dutch. Living on an island, moreover, we are somewhat less vulnerable than they to visits by the cannier criminals from abroad.

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Conducting a defence

From Mr W. A. Somers

Sir, As a solicitor acting for four of the appellants in the case referred to in your article entitled "Appeal Court calls on lawyers to cut attacks on police" on page 2 of *The Times* for March 25, I must write and protest at the distorted view of the judgment of the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, that that report gives.

There was, in fact, no element of criticism of the defence lawyers in the judgment. What the judgment pointed out was that a major portion of the trial was taken up with attacking police evidence. The court called for an examination of the system of recording oral confessions to try to make them proof against concoction and therefore make it impossible for them to be attacked. A view, incidentally, with which I wholeheartedly agree.

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Functions of Russian trade unions

From Professor B. C. Roberts

Sir, *Profsoyuz* may be a literal translation of trade union but your Labour Correspondent is disingenuous in suggesting that the difference between British and Soviet trade unions lies in their power to influence the decisions of the political authorities and industrial management in the two countries. (Article, March 25.)

The truth is that *profsoyuz* are totally different institutions, fulfilling different functions from British trade unions. There are in fact no institutions in the Soviet Union which are like the trade unions which exist in capitalistic societies. It is not simply that *profsoyuz* are controlled by the Soviet Communist Party, they are administrative agencies of the Soviet State. They have no independence, their leaders are not elected, they are appointed, as was Mr Shelepin, by the political authorities. Since 1918 there have been many changes in the structure and functions of Soviet "trade unions", but those have not been brought about by democratic discourse within the "unions" but by administrative decree.

As a consequence of the unitary concept of the State, there is no process of collective bargaining in the Soviet Union. The very notion of collective conflict is inadmissible; a strike is, therefore, an act of sabotage against the State and the leaders of the Soviet trade unions would not dare, or indeed desire, to contemplate such an act of defiance. The manager of a Soviet enterprise has far greater power to impose his authority than any manager in a unionized British plant.

Conflicts at the enterprise level, over wages or managerial decisions, are decided not by a power struggle but by a legal process in which the role of the *profsoyuz* is not only to defend the worker, but to ensure that goals of management are advanced. It would be interesting if your correspondent, after his 15,000-mile journey, could provide any more tangible evidence of the influence of the Soviet "trade unions" on economic and political institutions than the statement of a worker that he occupies a position of power because he is a trade union member.

There has been no overt conflict between the Soviet "trade union" leaders and the political leaders of the Soviet Union since Tomsky was ousted in 1928. How is the power of the 101 million Soviet "trade unionists" exerted when there are never any published trade union demands, never any campaigns to secure changes in economic, social and political policies? The only public pressures exerted by the Soviet trade unions are those in support of government declared objectives and decrees.

The Soviet "trade unions" are not only an important element in management of the Soviet economy, they are also an instrument of Soviet foreign policy. This is a lesson that surely ought to have been learnt from fifty years' experience of Soviet "trade union" activity. Not to recognize the real political objectives of Mr Shelepin's visit, of both the invited and the inviters, is to be taken in, like your correspondent, as to the true significance of the role of the "trade unions" in the USSR.

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Responsible use of Christian exorcism

From the Reverend Professor P. R. Baelz

Sir, Before the practice of exorcism is attacked and defended under opposing banners of science and religion, may I offer the following brief reflections for consideration?

(1) The psychological explanation and treatment of mental illness, despite their admitted deficiencies, represent an important human advance on pre-scientific accounts and remedies. Where knowledge is lacking, the introduction of preternatural and quasi-personal entities is more likely to lead to pseudo-science than to increased understanding.

(2) At the same time, the Christian holds that human beings, as centres of focused activity, are open to the transcendent in which their existence is grounded. They have a "spiritual" dimension and are called to exercise their freedom responsibly and responsively.

(3) In the mystery of freedom is to be discerned the conflict of good and evil, creativity and destructiveness. Men may find themselves caught and imprisoned, unable to live and to love.

(4) The Christian affirms that there is a liberating word of God which is able to set a man free from evil and from himself. This word is no substitute for the natural and appropriate treatment of psychological ills, but it may complement and complete such treatment at the "spiritual" level.

(5) The language and symbolism in which this word is expressed should not be taken as causal and scientific. They are mythological. If the myth is taken literally, superstition and idolatry ensue. If, however, the myth is "broken", then its proper function may be conserved together with our natural and scientific explanations.

(6) In the case of exorcism confusion on this point is intellectually frustrating and practically dangerous. Illness may be treated as sin, the suspicion of magic may increase fear and further disintegration. It may be wise, while this confusion remains, for the traditional practice of exorcism to be abandoned. If so, then more appropriate means must be found by the Church for its continuing ministry of forgiveness, liberation and renewal.

Yours faithfully,
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From the Reverend Kenneth Leech

Sir, To condemn indiscriminately the ministry of Christian exorcism on the basis of its undoubted abuse is like condemning psychiatry on the basis of the undoubted ill-treatment of the mentally ill in certain hospitals.

Psychiatric abuses are regrettably far more common, and more fully documented, than are abuses of exorcism in the church. Yet few of us would deny the value of reputable psychiatry. If abuse were the criterion of judgment, then R. D. Laing's description of psychiatry as "the death of the soul" would seem at least as reasonable as Professor Trethowan's description of exorcism as "medieval mumbo-jumbo" (March 31).

Clearly, abuse of something is no valid argument against its proper use, and it seems necessary to remind some psychiatrists not to react to the recent tragic episodes in a way which, in other circumstances, they would be the first to describe as hysterical.

Christian exorcism is the binding of evil powers by the power of Christ, and, as such, is an important element in the total healing ministry of the Church. But its potential abuse is so great that its exercise is strictly controlled. In practice, the solemn exorcism is rarely administered, and most priests find that the "routine" sacramental ministrations of laying on of hands, prayer for deliverance from evil, annointing, confession and absolution, and Holy Communion are the right and effective ways of ministering to those oppressed by sin.

The ministry of healing in the Church is not in any sense anti-medical in its emphasis, and there are many doctors and psychiatrists who are closely involved with it. The same is true of exorcism, and it is quite incorrect to think that its ministry is in opposition to psychiatric diagnosis.

However, it is certainly true that in recent years, particularly in the United States, a cult of heretical exorcism has grown up influenced by a crude and unbalanced form of Pentecostalism. It is here that the dangers of severe psychological and physical damage are considerable, and history contains many examples of sectarian groups which have fallen into similar dangers. These groups are often as unbalanced in their theology as in their therapeutic practices. But it would be wrong on the basis of these distortions to condemn the responsible and theologically serious use of exorcism within Catholic Christianity.

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Electric motor-car

From Mr David Foster

Sir, I was glad to note that Mr Yehudi Menuhin is temporarily abandoning art for science to do a virtuoso performance with his electric motor-car (April 1). To lay down the violin in favour of a roll of technological drums is stirring.

But the mind boggles at the sight of Mr Menuhin pushing his lead-laden device the last hundred yards to the Albert Hall. However, this might ultimately persuade him to make a slight technological shift towards the petrol-electric hybrid car which has the advantage that if the battery goes flat one has a little petrol engine to "get one home." This latter system has the advantage of regenerative braking, a petrol economy of 100 mpg and unlimited radius, and an electric boost at the traffic lights which would leave most other cars behind.

But the problem of electric batteries raises an interesting matter since the human body can produce physical motion and work by the electrical activity of the muscles but without either the weight of lead batteries or the expense of silver ones. Indeed, I have calculated that a man on a bicycle can cycle about a thousand miles on an amount of food whose calorific value would be the same as a gallon of petrol.

Surely the biochemists should investigate this marvel of human electrical propulsion and tell us how to produce a calorific-electrical converter based on the way nature does it, and without suggesting that the best answer is a horse or a camel.

An even simpler solution would be to find some pill in advance of anabolic steroids which would enable us to walk at thirty miles an hour instead of three. After all, that's what the Keystone Cops did.

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Mothers' pensions

From Mr David Hobman

Sir, Your Social Services Correspondent reported Age Concern (March 20) as having suggested in a statement that mothers should be credited with contributions towards the proposed state pension scheme while they stay at home to care for their children.

The Government's Pensions Bill already makes provision for this measure. Age Concern's point is that in order to get the contribution credits at all a woman will have to work for 20 years, and that the many women who will have only been able to work for less than this time will be left out of the new scheme.

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Imposing limits on strike action

From Mr Brendon Sewill

Sir, Mr Kenneth Lewis, writing in your columns on March 29, agrees with my diagnosis (in a survey of economic policy 1970-74 published recently by the Institute of Economic Affairs) that the main cause of the present inflation is the growing power of organized labour. But he suggests that it could be curbed by more emollient methods than those employed by the Conservative Government from 1970-74, and without the need to adopt my proposal to limit the so-called "right to strike". Since this is an important issue perhaps I might comment on Mr Lewis's points seriatim.

His proposal to regulate union voting procedures by law is very similar to the approach attempted in the ill fated Industrial Relations Act: leave the unions strong but impose new legal rules which will eventually change their character. But there seems little reason why this proposal should succeed where the Act failed.

Second to impose some limitation on social security payments to families of those on strike. While correct in principle, this change would have made little difference, for example, to the outcome of the 1972 or 1974 miners' strikes. It was in fact considered by the Conservative Government on several occasions. Each time it was rejected because it would have been regarded by the unions as provocative confrontation, and would have put paid to any hopes of voluntary pay restraint or acquiescence in prevailing pay policy.

Third that the Government would stand up to some strikes which it has a chance of winning. There is not space here to go over the history of the past fifteen-twenty years but it would not be difficult to show that this policy has been tried repeatedly by both Conservative and Labour Governments—and met with repeated failure. The doctrine of comparability has such strength that it is just not possible for any government to be permanently tough on the weak while paying up to the strong.

At present none of the political parties knows how to stop inflation. If it continues to accelerate it could mean the end of Parliamentary democracy. While everyone will share the desire to avoid conflict, moderates of all parties will, I believe, increasingly come to see that the only effective long term way of reconciling price stability with full employment in a free society is to mobilize public opinion to support some limitation on the permissible extent of strike action.

Yours faithfully,
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The parish parson

From Mr Stephen Medcalf

Sir, I find the Reverend Mr McCulloch's article on the vanishing of the parish parson (*The Times*, March 29) somewhat confusing. Is he recommending the abolition of a special priesthood in favour of the priesthood of all believers, or the removal of clergy as an organizing body, or merely the abolition of the parson as responsible for a certain territory, and paid for that responsibility?

The last may be desirable, at least in so far as it involves the spread of group or team ministries; but that seems to be happening, anyway, with no trumpeting of large scale reorganization. It may not even everywhere be the best organization.

The other two possibilities are fashionable in this decade, but have much to be said against them. The existence of special sacraments, upholding a sacramental idea of the whole world, seems always to be bound up with the existence of people specially and sacramentally commissioned to celebrate the Eucharist, the fact of something being given is symbolized in the consecration of givers. Catholic Christianity therefore lays much stress on the objectivity of priesthood; and adds to the sacramental function the function of witnesses to the historic events of Christ's life, corresponding in function to the first witnesses and historically guaranteed.

As to the removal of organizers, anyone in a university who has watched undergraduate societies following the fashion of abolishing their officers knows what happens. Nothing happens, and the societies cease to exist. The question is not one of authority but of responsibility. Unless it is someone's specific duty to do something, whether it be inviting speakers to address a meeting or celebrating the Eucharist, the occasions of doing these things decrease and vanish. The Society of Friends itself, which I conjecture comes nearest to what Mr McCulloch wants, exists in virtue of an elaborate organization of meetings and officers.

But it may be that Mr McCulloch is, as seems from the end of his article, recommending only the increase in numbers of priests whose vocations and jobs are not primarily to do with parish organization; worker priests, in fact probably supplemental to group and individual ministries. In which case I applaud and thank him.

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Eternal brightness?

From Mr J. D. Jones

Sir, If the laity may join in your discussion of lux perpetua you may like to know that we have in this museum one of the first incandescent lighting bulbs used in Ventnor. Dr J. B. Williamson, who gave it to us, can remember it being installed when Ventnor had its first mains electricity in 1900. A "Sunbeam" bulb of 16 candle-power, this little piece of Victorian England outlasted the Ventnor power station that fed it, and its carbon filament seems quite capable of seeing out the century.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. JONES, Curator,
Carisbrooke Castle Museum,
Newport, Isle of Wight.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 2: His Excellency the High Commissioner for Australia and Lady Bunting, the Lord and Lady Feather, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Mrs Callaghan and the Right Hon Sir Thaddeus and Lady McCarthy arrived at Windsor Castle this evening.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Gala performance given by the National Ballet of Canada at the London Coliseum, in aid of the Royal Academy of Dancing and the Cecchetti Branch of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing.
Mrs Jocelyn Stevens was in attendance.

The Queen will review the in-pensioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on June 5.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will receive members of the eight teams participating in the International Cricket Competition, on June 6.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the closing ceremonies in Ramsgate of the annual conference of the Dunkirk Veterans Association on June 8. (35th anniversary of the evacuation from Dunkirk.)

Princess Anne will visit Lloyd's and lunch informally with the committee on June 12.

Marriages

Mr P. A. Scrope and Miss P. A. M. Williams
The marriage took place yesterday at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, of Mr Philip Scrope, second son of Mr Ralph Scrope and the late Lady Beatrice Scrope, South Thorpe, Barnard Castle, co Durham, and Miss Penelope-Anne Williams, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs Eric Williams, House of Lynturk, Alford, Aberdeenshire. Father W. Maxwell Stuart, OSB, officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white faille cut on classical lines with the skirt falling into a train. The edge of the train was quilted to match the quilted neckline and cuffs. Her veil, which belonged to her grandmother, was edged with pearls and held in place by a headdress of diamonds and orange-blossom. She carried a bouquet of white roses, syringa and lilies-of-the-valley. Sebastian Scott, Ralph Baker Cresswell, William Loyd, Thomas Scott, Alexandra Scott, Sara Stewart, Emma Phillips and Miss Joanna Houldsworth attended her. Mr Michael Dugdale was best man.
A reception was held at Crosby Hall. The honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Mr R. G. L. Coxhill and Miss E. D. Mercer
The marriage took place at Tickenham Parish Church, Somerset, on April 2 between Mr R. G. L. Coxhill, of Winscombe, Somerset, and Miss E. D. (Babs) Mercer, of Holland Park, London.

Dr C. F. Graham and Miss G. J. C. George
The marriage took place on March 31 at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Shorne, between Dr Christopher Forbes Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Graham, and Miss Grizelda Jane Celia George, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenyon George.
The Right Rev Anthony Tremlett, Bishop of Dover, officiated, assisted by the Rev J. Anthony Randall.
The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Miss Fenella Coles, Edward Impey, Lawrence Impey, Mathew Impey, Alistair Coles and Peter Coles. Professor Kryczstof Tarkowski was best man.
A reception was given by the bride's parents at The Old Parsonage, Shorne.

Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend performance of *The Gondoliers* to mark centenary of Savoy Operas, Savoy Theatre, 7.20.
Exhibition of watercolours by Thomas Girtin, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-6.
Exhibition: Poets of the First World War, including manuscripts and letters of six poets, Imperial War Museum, 10-5.45.
National Model Railway Exhibition, including working model railways, Central Hall, Westminster, 10.30-9.
The Queen's Life Guard mounting ceremony. Horse Guards, Whitehall, 11.

Birthdays today

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, MP, 50; Sir Michael Cary, 53; Sir Knox Cunningham, QC, 66; the Duke of Grafton, 56; Vice-Admiral Sir Alan McNicoll, 67; his Honour J. C. Maude, QC, 74; Sir John Ricks, 65; General Sir Ouvry Roberts, 77; Sir Godfrey Style, 60; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Thomson, 67; Sir John Walley, 69.

Leverhulme awards

The Leverhulme Travelling Scholarships, administered by the Design Council and financed by the Leverhulme Trust, which are made to students or postgraduates in industrial design (engineering), graphic design, textiles and three-dimensional design (silversmithing, furniture, ceramics, glass), have been awarded to:
Moira Clinch, of Liverpool, and Michael Shepheard-Healey, of Glasgow (£900 each for graphics); Richard Hayes-Pankhurst, of Lympstone, Devon (£850 for industrial design); David Hedley, of Wigan, and Janet Russell, of Glasgow (£850 each for textile design). Supplementary amounts will compensate for inflation.

Luncheon

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Sir Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college Sir Charles Duke, Mr Morgan Man, Mr Reginald Maudling, MP, Mr Ronald W. Raven, and Mr W. F. Davis.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. C. Bickmore and Miss I. M. Fitzalan Howard
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr L. H. N. Bickmore and of Mrs James *Windsor-Lewis, and Isabel*, daughter of Major-General the Hon Sir Michael and Lady Fitzalan Howard.

Mr F. A. Wallace and Miss L. M. Mott-Radclyffe
The engagement is announced between Falconer, son of Mr and Mrs Wallace, of Candacraig, Strathdon, Aberdeenshire, and Laura, youngest daughter of Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe, of Barningham Hall, Matlaske, Norwich, and the late Mrs Mott-Radclyffe.

Mr R. E. Dowdall and Miss S. V. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs R. E. Dowdall, of Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex, and Susan, daughter of Major and Mrs S. E. Taylor, of Chatham, Kent.

Mr M. G. Grayshon and Miss C. E. St L. Morris
The engagement is announced between Martin Graham, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian S. Grayshon, of Scarcroft, Leeds, and Christine Elizabeth St Lawrence, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivor St L. Morris, of Knowle and Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Rev W. G. Harris-Evans and Miss P. A. Barratt
The engagement is announced between Giles, youngest son of the Rev Canon and Mrs F. D. Harris-Evans, and Penelope, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. C. Barratt, of Peopleton, Worcestershire.

Mr E. R. Maltby and Miss K. H. Stephenson
The engagement is announced between Edward, only son of the late Mr Ralph Maltby and Mrs D. C. Cole, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Holly, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. F. Stephenson, of The Islands, Cookham Dean, Berkshire, and Langton Farm, Blandford, Dorset.

Mr J. R. Pringle and Miss P. Richards
The marriage has been arranged between John Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. J. S. Pringle, of West Brompton, and Penny, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. G. Richards, of Highgate.

Mr J. A. Shepard and Miss M. C. Hubbard
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr Jack Shepard, of Loxwood, Sussex, and the late Mrs Patricia Shepard, and Marigold, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. Hubbard, of Mill Meadow, Brasted, Kent.

Mr A. J. Whitten and Miss J. E. J. Trussell
The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs John A. Whitten, of Dulwich, London, and Jane, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Richard R. Trussell, of Streatham, London.

Mr C. D. Hankes-Drielsma and Miss A. E. Barlow
The engagement is announced between Claude Dunbar Hankes-Drielsma, of Trewyn, near Abergavenny, son of Mr and Mrs J. Hankes-Drielsma, of Walmer, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Anna Elizabeth, daughter of Mr T. B. Barlow, of Thornby House, Northampton, and of the Hon Mrs Barlow.

Mr S. A. J. P. Bosanquet and Miss H. M. Saumarez Smith
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of the late Mr S. J. A. Bosanquet and Mrs Bosanquet, of Dingestow, Monmouth, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Saumarez Smith, of Cuddesdon, Oxford.

Mr D. A. Gilmour and Miss S. E. Hunter
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs Allan Gilmour, Invernauld, Rosehall, Sutherland, and Sheena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Hunter, Radbrook Cottage, Binfield Heath, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr D. A. Gullette and Miss H. C. Tyler
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mrs J. Nelson Spaeth and the late Cameron Charles Gullette, of Urbana, Illinois, United States, and Heather Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Tyler, of 16A Wild Street Estate, Drury Lane, London.

Mr J. R. Henley and Miss R. A. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Jack, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. P. Henley, of Spelmonden, Goudhurst, Kent, and Rosemary Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. B. Clarke, of Chart Court, Little Chart, Kent.

Mr R. M. B. Matheson and Miss C. J. Fleming
The engagement is announced between Rawdon Michael Black Matheson, The Light Infantry, son of Colonel M. B. Matheson, OBE, and Mrs Matheson, of Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hampshire, and Corinna Jane Fleming, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P. G. Fleming, of Wolvercote, Oxford.

Mr M. J. Sakin and Miss L. E. Mercer-Deadman
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr J. Sakin and of Mrs J. Sakin, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Mercer-Deadman, also of Beaconsfield.

Mr L. J. Watt and Miss L. J. Menzies
The engagement is announced between Laurence Johnstone, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Douglas Watt, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, and Lyndal Joan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Oscar Menzies, of Brisbane, Australia.

Mr I. B. H. Woolley and Miss P. Purdell-Lewis
The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. H. Woolley, of Eastcote, Middlesex, and Pauline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. Purdell-Lewis, of Axminster, Devon.



New bishop: The Rev M. E. Marshall, Vicar of All Saints', Margaret Street, St Marylebone, who, at 38, is to become the youngest Anglican bishop as Bishop Suffragan of Woolwich.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Miss Clare Lawson Dick, aged 61, to be controller of Radio 4. She is the first woman to achieve the rank of network controller within the BBC. Educated at Channing School, Highgate, and King's College London, Miss Lawson Dick joined the BBC in 1935.
Lieutenant-General Sir David Fraser, Vice-Chief of the General Staff, to be United Kingdom Representative on the Military Committee in Permanent Session to Nato in October, with the rank of General.
Dr W. E. J. McCarthy, fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, and university lecturer in industrial relations, to be a part-time adviser on working of NHS Whitley Councils, Department of Health and Social Security.

Norfolk memorial plan

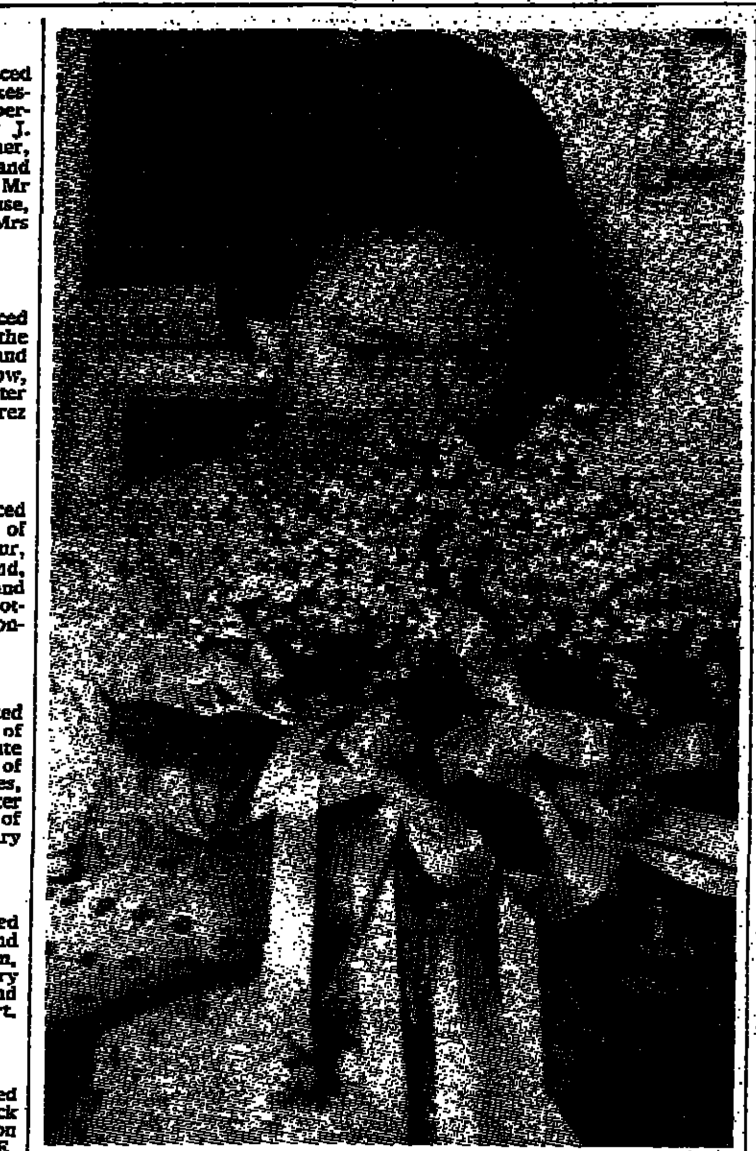
The Rev Percy Kingston, Vicar of Arundel, Sussex, said yesterday that his parochial church council was planning a memorial to the Duke of Norfolk, who died in January. Ancestors of the duke, Britain's leading Roman Catholic layman, are buried in a chapel at the Anglican church of St Nicholas.

Supermarkets blamed for drunkenness

By a Staff Reporter
There is a direct link between increased drunkenness among the under-18s and women under 30 and easy access to alcohol in supermarkets, a report out today says. "The off-licence department of a grocery supermarket is respectable for all", it states.
The report is based on surveys carried out in England and Wales for the Christian Economic and Social Research Foundation.
Tesco said most of its 370 off-licence sections had a separate counter. More people kept drink at home because of the drinking and driving laws. A spokesman added: "Availability of drink in supermarkets is not the problem. It is something much deeper."
**Supermarket Off-licences and the Growth of Drunkenness among Young Women and Young Persons since 1966.* (Alliance News, 12 Caxton Street, London, SW1. Free).

Repair grants for churches 'no panacea'

By a Staff Reporter
The recent government announcement of state aid for historic churches was no panacea for ecclesiastical ills, Lady Birk, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department of the Evironment, said in London last night, at the opening of an exhibition "Caring for Churches".
After prolonged negotiations, some government help was on the way, she said, but it would be "a year or two" before grants became available.
One basic aim would be to help those who had done all they could to help themselves.
"Caring for Churches", which is at St Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct, has been organized jointly by the Council for Places of Worship and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association. The exhibition will be open on weekdays, including Saturdays, between 10 am and 4.30 pm.



Princess Margaret arriving last night at the London Coliseum for a gala performance by Canada's National Ballet. She was met by the Canadian High Commissioner.

Mother knows best in aid for deprived, report says

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent
Family groups run by ordinary mothers are likely to be more help to the most vulnerable families than those run by professionals, a report published today by London Council of Social Service says.
The report, by the council's family services committee, examines the work of the 11 family groups it supports in London. The groups aim at helping educationally and socially deprived parents and their children who lack the self-confidence to join formal groups or classes.
It shows that because most group leaders are local people, the group members look on them as friends rather than teachers, although the leaders help to demonstrate basic skills such as cooking, budgeting and sewing. The leaders are seen as independent of authority, but can call in outside experts when necessary.
"Because they are rooted in the community, they are likely to remain in the group long enough to establish good relationships", the report says. "It is disturbing how many of the groups located in London collapsed because the social worker or health visitor concerned moved on to another post."
The report implicitly casts doubt on some ideas being considered by the Department of Health and Social Security for helping deprived families. They include suggestions for family day centres under the proposed European anti-poverty programme. The department's suggestions lay emphasis on making professional support more available to deprived families.
The council has submitted an alternative proposal to the department. That proposal emphasizes the value of ordinary people in helping the deprived to cope.
A young mother and children with enough money for basic essentials but nothing left over for extras is described in the report as the typical deprived family in London. The mother is tied down by her children and isolated by her lack of confidence and the physical difficulties of transporting small children. She suffers from loneliness, poor health and depression, is set in a routine and cooks rarely, and her family often live on a diet of biscuits, crisps and cakes.
Family groups, the report says, can help such women to acquire the confidence they need to overcome their difficulties and press for better facilities in their environment.
The council is planning further research into the work of family groups and will hold the first short part-time training course for group leaders in May.
Family Groups (London Council of Social Service, 68 Chalton Street, London, NW1 1JR, 60p).

World continues to build new railways

By Our Transport Correspondent
A boom in new railways despite mounting deficits is reported by *Jane's World Railways* in the 1974-75 edition. Lines are being built in Japan, Italy, France, Poland, Germany and parts of Africa. Brazil has decided on what amounts to a virtual reconstruction of its system.
Despite this new construction the inability of governments, particularly of Europe's state-owned railways, to provide minimum forward investment programmes, is helping to plunge them into ever deeper debt, Mr Paul Goldsack, the editor, writes in a forword.
In Britain, "future policy on rail investment has seldom been so confused".
The British Government, Mr Goldsack writes, had been responsible for a "major setback" in the master plan for a European rail network by cancelling the proposed high-speed rail link between London and Folkestone and construction plans for the Channel tunnel.
Jane's World Railways (Macdonald and Jane's Publishers, Paulton House, 8 Shepherdess Walk, London N1 7LW. £15.95).

Bravery testimonial

Mr Lee Kenneth Prosser, of Greenwood Road, Stapenhill, Burton on Trent, who dived into the flooded Dee at Llangollen in an attempt to save a man, has received the Royal Humane Society's testimonial on parchment.

Persian pen box sold for £3,885

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
Nineteenth-century Persian lacquer used to fetch about £30 to £40 in sale rooms until last year; last summer a couple of pieces fetched about £700 and yesterday, at Christie's, a single *qualamdan*, or pen box, was sold for £3,885. A new level of prices seems to be developing, with Persia calling the tune.
Christie's had a large collection of lacquered papier mâché pieces, mostly pen boxes, sent for sale by "a lady of title". It was the first occasion in recent times that a large number of pieces, of good quality, have been available and the prices surprised the auctioneers.
The top price, £3,885, was paid by Vaghari, from Paris, for a pen box decorated with a scene of Shah Ismail in battle against the Turks; Christie's had estimated £400 to £500. On the other hand, a pen box decorated with nightingales among lush flowers and foliage, whose sheer quality had led Christie's to use a colour illustration and estimate £800 to £1,000, went for £682.50 to Afshar, of Paris.
That illustrates a general trend. The boxes decorated with figure subjects generally sold far beyond expectations; those decorated with flowers and birds, even of fine quality, generally made disappointing prices. Among the figure subjects, scenes from history fetched the highest prices; a second pen box showing Shah Ismail in battle with the Turks with the signature of Rajab Ali made £3,780 (estimate £500 to £600) while another showing Shaikh Sana'an and the Christian maiden made £3,360 (estimate £800 to £1,000). Another pen box painted with European maidens following the style of Rubens, with no historic associations, made £2,310 (estimate £500 to £600) to Mahboubian.
Christie's also held a sale of autograph letters. The top price was £9,800 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000) for a long letter from Shelley to Thomas Love Peacock. He makes some fascinating references to Byron, whom he describes as "mad as the winds": ". . . I had some hope that an intercourse with me would operate to weaken these superstitions of rank and wealth and revenge and servility to opinion with which he, in common with other men, is so poisonously imbued". The auction price appears to be the highest on record for a Shelley letter.
A single-page letter from Keats to his publisher made the second highest price at £2,400 (estimate £800 to £1,200), presumably reflecting the sheer rarity of Keats material. A letter written by Sir Walter Raleigh on the eve of the Armada to Sir John Gilbert, deputy vice-admiral of Devon, brought rather less than Christie's had hoped at £1,300 (estimate £1,000 to £2,000); the letter was known from eighteenth-century transcripts but had previously been believed lost.
Sotheby's Belgravia's sale of oriental ceramics was buoyed up by bidders from the Middle East and there were particularly strong prices for Japanese porcelain and Canton vases; one small (16½in) pair of Canton vases brought £650 (estimate £200 to £400). They were exceptionally well painted. The Japanese earthenware, which collapsed in price last year, was making a strong recovery.

Cornwall's tourist industry attacked by local critics

From Our Correspondent
St Austell
Dr D. G. W. Clyne, chairman of the Cornwall Tourist Board, defended the county's tourist industry against Cornish delegates at the annual Celtic conference yesterday. It is being held in Cornwall for the first time since 1969.
Most of the two hundred delegates are Cornish, with a smattering from Brittany, the Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales. A delegate from each country has been giving a paper on the congress theme, The effects on national life of tourism and other economic developments.
Dr Clyne, after presenting a survey of trends in tourism in the county faced a number of critical questions and comments.
Dr Clyne told a questioner that it was virtually impossible to attempt to work out whether Cornwall paid out more for its tourist industry, by way of bigger sewerage and other services, than it actually received in income. But in his speech he did point out that it was estimated that in 1974 20,000 jobs in Cornwall depended on the tourist industry.
Asked if Cornwall had not already too many tourists, Dr Clyne countered with: "How do you stop people coming? Put up barriers on the Tamar Bridge?"
He agreed that Cornwall's holiday industry had been revolutionized as much by the motor car as by the coming of the railways, but he did not share the apprehension expressed by so many regarding the completion of the M5 motorway to Exeter and the road improvements envisaged from there westwards. He pointed out that in France one could drive on secondary roads passing only a handful of cars hourly, and he hoped that something similar would happen in Cornwall.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, April 3, 1950

Somaliland change

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, April 2.—The Union Jack came down in Somaliland yesterday after 10 years of British administration. In another 10 years the Somalis expect to take it over as an independent State, and the United Nations trusteeship council mission has set up its headquarters at Mogadishu to supervise the Italian administration. It is expected that the staff of the mission will be changed frequently.
Yesterday from the balcony of their offices members of the United Nations mission watched the Italian authorities take over. As the Union Jack was lowered on the British administration building the Italian flag went up and the national anthem of the respective countries accompanied this change. Large crowds, mostly Somalis, watched the Italian flag brought in by an Italian guard of honour. British troops saluted its arrival and afterwards Italian troops saluted the departing British.

Latest wills

Sir Charles Thomas Wheeler, of West Brompton, London, sculptor and President of the Royal Academy, 1955-66, left £50,939 (duty paid, £2,654).
Miss Vera Jane Pitt, of Seaford, left £250,205 net (duty paid, £85,150). After personal bequests totalling £25,500, she left the residue to be shared among 10 charities.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):
Vaustone, Lorna Dulcie Christabelle, of Torquay (duty paid, £40,641) £138,370

Skeletons uncovered

Nine skeletons dating back to the eighth century have been uncovered by Nottingham University archaeologists excavating a site at Ruskington, Lincolnshire.

University news

Manchester
Grants:
Science Research Council: £15,728 to Dr I. H. Munro for research into time resolved measurements using synchrotron radiation; £159,047 to Professor Sir Bernard Lovell for radio-astronomy; £55,598 supplement to Dr R. M. Pickard for research into magnetic bubble domain devices.

OBITUARY

PROF G. W. COOPLAND

Distinguished medieval historian

Professor G. W. Coopland, the distinguished medieval historian, who was born on July 8, 1875, died at his home at Rye, Sussex, on March 31. He married Emily Barlow in 1902; she died in 1961 and he has one surviving daughter.
George William Coopland was a graduate of Victoria University, entering the University College at Liverpool in 1893 and taking a general degree and teaching certificate in 1896. He taught in schools as widely dispersed as Leeds, Grimsby and Dover between 1896 and 1913, but continued his studies and was awarded his MA by Manchester and later, in 1909, the degree of BSc (Econ) by the University of London.
He embarked on research in medieval French history and from this came his first important work, *The Abbey of Saint Bertin and its Neighbourhood, 900-1330* (Oxford, 1914), a social, economic and administrative study, for which he was awarded the degree of LittD by Liverpool in 1914.
By this time, he had become a lecturer in medieval history in the University of Liverpool and remained in charge of the Medieval History Department in the university until his retir ment in 1946.
Created Associate Profess in 1924, he was given a pe sonal chair in 1937. He won very high reputation as a le turer and teacher and his di tinguished tenure of his offi is remembered affectionate and respectfully by his form students.
His researches in later li were mainly devoted to e tions and discussions of me eval French texts. He w greatly assisted by Miss Ge trude Winter, his secretar who was actively concerned all his literary activities sin 1938. His edition of *The Tr of Battles* by Honoré Bonet a of *Le Songe du Vieil Pèler* are classics in their field.
His scholarly studies extend to the very end of his long li and this year Liverpool Univ sity Press is to publish his la work, a translation and tra cription of Philippe de Mézièr *Epistre au Roi Richard*. A c lection of essays in his hono was to have been presented him on his 100th birthday. I was in so many respects th Grand Old Man of Engli medieval scholarship.

LORD REID

Lord Boyd-Carpenter writes:
Your obituary notice of Lord Reid naturally gives emphasis to his supreme judicial qualities. But it passes over in part of a sentence his stature and effectiveness in the House of Commons. In the Parliament elected in 1945, the heavily defeated and deeply discouraged Conservative Opposition was led by many great figures. But most of them were, for the time being, tired out as the result of wartime exertions and many years of office. Very few seemed able to take on the detailed examination of legislation and analysis of administrative action which under our system is the life blood of an outnumbered opposition.
Reid took on the strenuous task, not only of scrutinizing the mass of emergency legislation which the continuance of wartime powers authorized, but also of "shadowing" successive holders of the sensitive office of Minister of Food. No one who sat in that House will ever forget his long frame leaning over the Dispatch Box while a long finger seemed to stab some transfixed and visibly shrinki Minister while some u answerable point was drive home with courteous b unanswerable logic. Almo always there recurred th phrase "It is no use the Righ Honourable Gentleman seekin to argue that. . .". If the Righ Honourable Gentleman had an sense he didn't try.
It is no secret that when M Attlee, as he then was, wit wisdom as well as generosity offered Reid the Lordship o Appeal in Ordinary which is th summit of any lawyer's amb tion, Reid consulted the author ties of the Conservative Part as to what the future might hol for him if he refused this grea prize and remained in activ politics. The answer, whateve it was, resulted in that immens gain to the law of Englan which your article so well de cribes. But it resulted in a equally immense loss to a part destined, before long, to ente into 13 years of office.
He was a very great, a ver brave and a very lovable ma whose mind remained sharp an clear to the very end.

MR WILLIAM HAMLING

The Rev F. H. de Jonge writes:
Perhaps an old friend of pre-Parliamentary days may add a few notes to your account of Bill Hamling.
Bill was essentially a teacher and a brilliant one. His merry, discursive method often infuriated "middle-class" hearers, but it excited and stimulated dockworkers and others in his Stepney WEA classes, and set many young people on their way upward. Both as a schoolteacher and as a tutor in liberal studies at the London School of Printing his success lay in his infinite respect for human individuals, which was the basis for his great tolerance, and his power of listening as well as speaking, and asking as well as answering.
As an agnostic he had a profound respect for religion, especially for Christianity and Judaism, and his knowledge and love of the gospels were deep. His personal ethic was essentially based on the teaching of Christ.
His family life was characteristic of his goodness and simplicity. The Hamling home was something to remember; and his friends know how much of it was due to the quiet strength, patience and understanding of Olive Hamling, his perfect partner.

PROF A. CAREY TAYLOR

Professor D. J. A. Ross writes:
By the sudden death of Alan Carey Taylor in Ghana, London University has lost a distinguished member.
A graduate of Melbourne and the Sorbonne, where work in the field of comparative literature won him the French Doctorat d'Etat, he was appointed from Melbourne University to the chair of French at Birkbeck in 1948, and on his retirement in 1972 he became Professor at Cape Coast University in Ghana.
Twice a governor of Birkbeck he served for nine years on the Senate of the University. An ardent advocate of Franco-British cooperation, he was for many years on the committee of management of the British Institute in Paris and on the Franco-British Mixed Commission.
For these services he was awarded the Légion d'Honneur. He was also for 23 years secretary of the Association of University Professors of French, and he founded, and for 20 years edited, *Current Research in French Studies*, one of those invaluable guideposts which researchers too readily take for granted.
His services to French studies in this country, his fine qualities of leadership and his genial personality will make his loss deeply felt.

Commander James Robert Cunningham Montgomery, RN, died on March 29, aged 85. He served in both World Wars and was a Justice of the Peace for Argyll.

Mr Frederick J. Beswick, aged 63, managing director of the *Warrington Guardian* series of newspapers until he stepped down at the New Year, has died at his Warrington home. He started as a trainee compositor and was nationally recognized as an expert typographer. He was on the board of Piccadilly Radio, Manchester.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ashley Raymond Bond, MBE, late of the Durham Light Infantry, died on March 31. He was Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for Dorset.

Mr Ben Hibbs, a former editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*, died on Sunday at his home in Penn Valley, a Philadelphia suburb. He was 73.

Alex Griffiths, the Midlands boxing promoter, has died at his home in Wolverhampton. He was 66.

Science report

Biology: Genes for tasting

To understand how the complexity of the nervous system can be programmed by genes is a biologists' dream as yet far from fulfilment. Exciting progress has been made during the past few years with a combination of anatomy and sophisticated genetics, an approach initiated at laboratories at Caltech and Cambridge.
Though even that approach provides only the first step to understanding the genetics of the nervous system, it is providing fascinating results. The latest work along those lines to be published is an analysis of the genes which determine a fly's ability to taste salt.
The fruit fly *Drosophila* has a long proboscis through which it sucks liquids. Its taste organs are on the end of its proboscis and on its legs. It has four kinds of taste detector, one for water, one for sugar and two for salt, arranged in a regular pattern on the proboscis and legs and linked by nerves to the brain.
So much anatomy can tell us, but it cannot show how genes regulate this constant network of nerves, how many genes affect the functioning of each detector, and at what point between detector and brain they act. Those are the questions that Dr Raphael Falk and Dr Judith Atidia, of Jerusalem Hebrew University, set out to answer.
Biologists can determine the effect of a gene only by putting it out of action by mutations and then seeing what happens. Dr Falk and Dr Atidia first fed the flies with a chemical which causes mutations. They then selected those flies which had changes destroying their ability to taste salt by feeding them a salt-sugar solution. Only the flies which could not taste salt took the solution; normal flies rejected it.
The scientists easily identified those mutant flies by colouring the salt solution with red food dye which stained the intestines of any fly which drank. They could then confirm that an irreversible change had occurred in the genes by seeing whether the inability to taste salt was carried on to the offspring.
The next step was to locate on the chromosomes the mutations which affected salt tasting. Further breeding of the mutant flies revealed that there are mutations in at least two different places on the chromosomes; so there must be at least two genes which affect salt tasting, with some of the flies which drank the sugar-salt solution mutant in one gene and some mutant in the other.
Doing further experiments with one of the mutant types, Dr Falk and Dr Atidia showed that the flies' response to sugar was quite normal; so that gene at least must affect salt detectors without having any effect on sugar detectors. They tested whether the mutation had the same effect on salt detectors of leg and proboscis. They found that only the proboscis detectors were insensitive to salt; the leg detectors seemed if anything to be oversensitive. So proboscis and leg detectors are not affected identically by the same gene.
Finally they tried to identify where the gene's primary effect was, in the detectors, on the brain or somewhere in between. To answer such a question there is an ingenious way of analysing monster flies, known as mosaics, whose bodies contain some cells which are male and mutant and some which are female and normal. From experiments with mosaic flies Dr Falk and Dr Atidia found that their gene's primary effect was in the brain.
From there the way is less clear. Ideally the next step would be to identify what the gene does in molecular terms. For the crux of the question how genes organize nerves is that genes cannot directly specify the blueprint for the architecture of nerve cells; all they can do is code for proteins, and somehow the different proteins produced in different nerve cells result in the pattern of nerve cells we see. But the amounts of protein involved are likely to be minute. So Dr Falk and Dr Atidia are unlikely to be successful if they try to determine which protein is missing from the brains of their salt-eating flies.
Thus there is an impasse. But perhaps by the time they have analysed all their taste mutants and looked at the electrical impulses and the structure of the mutant nerves, a pattern will begin to emerge and a way forward will be found.
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ICI leaders label Bill's disclosure clause 'cockeyed, woolly' thinking

Anthony Rowley

Sir Jack Callard, who retired chairman of Imperial Chemi l Industries yesterday, and his ccessor, Mr Rowland Wright, *nched strong attacks on the* vernment's "cockeyed" plans compulsory disclosure of mpany information to White- ll and trades unions.

The criticisms came at the areholders' annual meeting ere Sir Jack forecast declin- profits for ICI in 1975 and ted that the major capital ending programme might ve to be reappraised.

Britain's higher rate of infla- n than elsewhere already eatened to erode ICI's com- titive position in the world d now the Government was ding the threat of sensitive mmercial information leaking to overseas competitors, d Sir Jack.

"Some of the information it may have to be disclosed der the proposed legislation commercially very valuable d, therefore, highly confiden- l. Overseas competitors would e their back teeth to get it, we would to get theirs.

"It is very much in the in- ests of us all—stockholders, ployees and the Government hat commercially valuable in- mation should not be put at . The confidentiality pro- ons of the Bill (the Industry) need substantial reinforce- at if the international com- tiveness of British industry ot to be seriously damaged."

r Wright said that ICI had ood relationship with Gov- nent at present and one in which confidences were respected on both sides. "I would not like that kind of partnership to be replaced by something much less certain."

Yet the present plans were "all so woolly", Mr Wright went on. "There is nothing wrong with the idea of a planning understanding but the way in which disclosure of information is apparently being talked about is terribly concerning."

Companies were faced with having to declare their main objectives to their competitors. "It is so cockeyed I cannot believe it is serious, but it may be serious and I am desperately worried", he added.

On the general prospects for 1975, Sir Jack said that ICI could not escape the effects of a downturn in world trade. The success of the proposed major investment programme depended on demand and, though ICI believed this would revive, sales of various ICI products were falling at home and overseas.

"We hope that trading prospects will improve as the year proceeds, but it is unlikely that profit in 1975 will be maintained at the same level as in 1974 (£455m before tax)."

Meanwhile ICI would implement its investment programme stage by stage this year but with "careful regard to constantly updated forecasts of available cash flow", said Sir Jack. The effect of inflation on new plant costs was cancelling out the benefits of improved technology and efficiency.

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Protest over revision of 'lifeboat' charges

By Christopher Wilkins

Changes in the basis upon which it fixes the price of support operations have been made by the "lifeboat committee", through which the Bank of England and the clearing banks are channelling £1,300m of funds into deposit-starved financial institutions.

For two of the biggest borrowers from the committee, thought to be United Dominions Trust and Mercantile Credit, the effect will be a painful increase in the cost of funds. It is believed that informal protests have already been made to Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England.

Most companies receiving support will not face any overall rise in costs as a result of the changed structure of charges. When the rescue operation was first launched in the wake of the London and County collapse, all new candidates for help were charged a commitment fee of 1 per cent, in addition to which they had to pay a margin of between 1 and 1½ per cent over interbank rates for their deposits.

As some of the bigger finance houses joined the queue for support, however, it became clear that the flat 1 per cent payment would have a crippling effect. It was therefore waived in one or two cases.

Following a complete review of the charging system, it was decided to rectify this anomaly by abolishing the commitment fee and incorporating it into the interest rate spread. The target for the spread was thus raised by 1 per cent to between 2 and 2½ per cent, depending on the creditworthiness of the borrower.

To ease the burden on the support recipients it was decided to move towards the target at the rate of ½ per cent every three months and some increases have already been introduced—in at least one case with effect from April 1.

For those companies, like UDT and Mercantile, which are thought to have escaped the payment of a commitment fee the new system will eventually mean a virtual doubling of the margin over interbank rates they are forced to pay for support funds—in UDT's case some £400m.

Both houses are deeply concerned about the effect the increase will have on profitability. They argue that if confidence in the independent finance houses is to be restored, it will only be on the basis that they are showing an improving trend in profitability

Wates building group chief resigns

By Malcolm Brown

Mr Neil Wates, the controversial chairman and managing director of Wates, Britain's largest privately owned building group, has resigned. His cousin Michael has been appointed chairman. There is to be no new chief executive. The group said last night that Mr Neil Wates would continue as a director of the group.

There was no comment from the group on reports that the changes resulted from a boardroom dispute among the Wates family, but the fact that seven of the nine directors are members of the family suggests that there was some disagreement about the way the group was being run.

It is understood that pressure for a change came to a head about two weeks ago. An indication of what the discussion centred on may be given in the fact that there is to be no replacement as chief executive.

The Wates group has always been run very much as a family business. Several of the family are understood to feel that decision-making should be undertaken on a "cabinet" basis with the chairman acting as *primus inter pares*. The fact that Mr Neil Wates has always been a notable individualist may have led to a clash of personalities.

Opposition to Mr Neil Wates's style of corporate leadership is understood to have come primarily from the younger members of the board. Mr Neil Wates is said to have much the largest single shareholding in the company, but short of absolute control.

Other members of the Wates board are Mr Allan Wates, Mr Ronald Wates and his three sons, Michael, Paul and Andrew, and Mr Christopher Wates, who like Neil is the son of the late *Norman Wates. There are two* outside directors: Mr James Falconer of Martin Currie, Edinburgh, and Mr Peter Wreford of Gresham Trust.

Mr Neil Wates, who took over the chairmanship from his uncle Mr Ronald Wates in 1973, sprang to national prominence in 1970 when, as managing director of the group, he publicly announced that he was refusing to extend his operations to South Africa. He described the idea of doing business in South Africa as "totally unacceptable".

"We could not be true to the basic principles on which we run our business and we should lose our integrity in the process", he added.

*His statement, which fol*lowed an invitation from a firm of South African developers to franchise the Wates system of industrial building to them, caused uproar among industrialists who felt that he had upset the applecart by suggesting that industrialists involved in the republic must be concerned with the moral issue.



Mr Neil Wates will continue as a director.

Burmah Oil to sell major US assets

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke
Financial Editor

Burmah Oil confirmed last night that its most important American assets, including the former Signal Oil and Gas business, are up for sale.

This is likely to be the last and most crucial stage of Burmah's agonizing disinvestment programme forced on the British company by last year's near-fatal liquidity crisis.

It is hoping to raise at least $500m (over £200m) by selling Burmah Oil and Gas (previously Signal) and Burmah Oil Development, the original Burmah business in the United States, as a package to one buyer. However, the 19 per cent interest in the North Sea Thistle Field, acquired with Signal last year, is not included in the sale.

Burmah's target—the reason for the present disinvestment programme—is the repayment by the end of this year of dollar borrowings of $650m which have been guaranteed until then by the Bank of England.

Since it has so far raised $150m by the sale of Great Plains Development Co of Canada, its Albatross refinery at Antwerp and the intended sale of its Edwin Cooper lubricant additives business, it was clear that the sale of Signal would have to go ahead.

Alternative ways of achieving this have been under consideration for many weeks.

Finally Burmah opted for forming the package so as to keep the businesses, their managements and staffs intact. Investment bankers Kuhn, Loeb and Morgan Stanley are now offering this package.

Burmah paid some $420m for Signal, including the Thistle stake. Now its advisers reckon that without the Thistle interest but including Burmah Oil Development the package is worth over $500m. They consider that the Signal assets being sold have appreciated—largely because of the huge increases in crude oil prices.

If the sale of the American assets goes through, one of the major targets set out by Mr Alastair Down, the new Burmah chairman, in February will have been achieved. But the company still has to deal with a deepseated crisis within its tanker operations, which are losing heavily because of the collapse in freight rates.

Grendon's position deteriorates

By Margaret Drummond

A preliminary report to loan stockholders in Grendon Trust, the industrial holding and property group where merchant bank Keyser Ullmann was last year forced to assume management control, reveals a further severe deterioration

It discloses that Keyser Ullmann has had to pump a further £2.5m into the group in addition to the £2m it put up

Included in a list of extraordinary losses, amounting to £7m in total, is the large item of £229,403 for "expenses incurred in resisting bid", presumably relating to the bitter battle that ensued in late 1973 when Mr Christopher Selmes, the controversial, young financier made a takeover bid.

The latest result is a blow for Keyser Ullmann, which advanced some £17m in finance to Mr Selmes for the £22m takeover.

Losses for the 18 months to the end of last September amounted to £900,000. In addition there is a £2.1m loss on the group's investment in the British Building Trust, a £3.3m write-off from the revaluation of properties, and a £470,000 loss on disposal of subsidiaries, leaving a total deficit of £3.9m after a £3m transfer from group reserves.

These figures compare with a £1m trading loss for the first six months of the latest accounting period, and provisions of just £1.4m against certain assets and liabilities.

UCS liquidator's case for government aid

By Peter Hill

Sir Alan Marre, the Parliamentary Commissioner (Ombudsman), who is to be asked to arbitrate on the Government's liability for payment of £7.6m of debts outstanding to ordinary creditors of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, is expected to receive submissions from Mr Robert Smith, the liquidator, before the end of this month.

The decision to take this unprecedented step came at a meeting yesterday in Glasgow between Mr Smith and the UCS Committee of Inspection, which represents the interests of hundreds of ordinary creditors.

It follows rejection earlier this year by Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, of submissions that the Government had a moral obligation to pay the debts, or that any litigation under the Companies Act could be sustained.

After the meeting Mr Smith issued a formal statement on the decision to take the matter to the Ombudsman, rather than seek further legal advice, which had been expected. It said:

"Having regard to the nature and extent of the Government's involvement in the affairs of the company prior to June, 1971 (when UCS collapsed), and to the support given from public funds to preserve employment and shipbuilding thereafter, the trade creditors of the company consider that there is the strongest moral argument for the Government accepting its responsibility to them for the unpaid accounts of some £7.5m for materials, equipment and services supplied to a company which was 48 per cent owned by the Government."

Mr Smith said last night that he was still studying procedure for reference to the Ombudsman to whom complaints can be addressed only by an MP.

This could raise problems since both Conservative and Labour Governments were substantially involved in the affairs of the company, with the Tories in power at the time of the company's failure. Ideally, the liquidator would like to see a submission made by MPs.

He said: "There are a number of possibilities, and I am seeking advice on the right approach. I am anxious that this should not be a party political matter."

The choice of whether the submission should be channelled through a Scottish or an English MP is another area of potential difficulty.

Although UCS was a Scottish-registered company, most of the trade creditors involved are English concerns. They range from the British Steel Corporation to very small trade suppliers.

This will be the first time that the Ombudsman has been asked to adjudicate on a case of this nature. Last year he dealt with a number of submissions stemming from the Court Line collapse, but unlike UCS, the Government at the time did not have a substantial interest in the company.

Shetland field find by Shell/Esso

By Roger Vielvoye

A new and possibly significant oilfield has been found 75 miles north-east of Shetland by the Shell/Esso group. The discovery has been named Tern and further appraisal work will be needed to "determine its economic viability".

The find is in block 210/25 and is ideally situated 12 miles north-west of the Cormorant platform site in block 211/26. If further drilling proves the field is a commercial discovery, there will be no problem in linking it to the Brent pipeline system for which the Cormorant platform is the principal gathering station.

Shell UK Exploration and Production on behalf of the group said it had discovered oil in jurassic sands in their first well on the block. The well was not production tested and was being plugged.

Shell is known for being extremely cautious in its statements on new oil discoveries. The fact that it has made an official announcement and named the field without testing the well indicates considerable optimism.

The discovery was made with the semi-submersible rig Sedco 135G which had been working on the block since the end of January. The group is also drilling on block 211/13 some 20 miles to the north-east on a structure adjoining BP's Magnus discovery where gas condensate was found in a previous well.

North Sea discovery: Siebens Oil and Gas (UK) has announced the discovery of hydrocarbons in its North Sea block 2/10, located 60 miles east of Shetland.

Witteveen visit

Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, visited London yesterday for a lunchtime discussion with Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England.

Stake in Henlys written down

Brown Brothers Corporation, the motor accessories and electrical distributor, has decided to write down its 25 per cent share stake in Henlys, the leading garage group which it bought for £6.75m. After tax, Brown Brothers made a profit of £594,000 last year against £1m in 1973, but extraordinary items less tax swelled the loss to £3.26m.

The items consist of a provision of £5m against the Henlys investment, offset to some extent by the sale of Albany Tyre Service and other concerns.

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Official reserves up $53m last month

im Congdon

ited Kingdom official re- s of gold and foreign cur- y increased by $53m (about) last month, the third cutive monthly rise, ac- ng to figures released yes- y by the Treasury.

the end of March they l at $7,117m, only $707m v their peak last November higher than their average ghout last year.

cruals of foreign currency owing by the public sector r the exchange cover me contributed $39m to the ease, but there would still been a small rise without element. This largely re- s continued inflows on the tal account, as the current unt remains in substantial cit.

ie deficit on the current unt has narrowed in recent ths, however, and is now ably in the range of $300m 500m each month.

deficit of this order could rgely covered by direct in- tent inflows associated with levelopment of North Sea although portfolio invest- by the oil producers in s short-term financial must still be much more tant.

only remaining borrow- acilities available to the nment are $800m of the n loan and International tary Fund standby facili- However, negotiations for ther loan from Saudi or other oil producers dely believed to be either way or settled and an ncement is expected in the speech.

nall repayment by a pub- tor borrower of $7m was last month, the first since the inception of the exchange cover scheme in March, 1973. Repayment of the loans will become a more important consideration in coming months as it is clear that a balance of payment surplus will be necessary if repayment schedules are to be met.

But for the time being there appears to be little concern in foreign exchange markets about the future of sterling. The pound was strong throughout March and it is thought the Bank of England may occasionally have intervened by buying dollars to prevent the sterling exchange rate rising too much.

UK RESERVES

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves at the end of the month issued by the Treasury yesterday:

End of	$m	£m	Change in month $m
1971	6,582	2,526*	
1972	5,845	2,404	
1973	6,478	2,787	
1974	6,789	2,890	
1974			
March	6,444	2,691	+478
April	6,956	2,869	+512
May	6,920	2,888	−36
June	6,711	2,806	−209
July	6,680	2,799	−31
Aug	6,842	2,953	+162
Sept	7,170	3,074	+328
Oct	7,547	3,290	+377
Nov	7,824	3,364	+277
Dec	6,789	2,890	−1,035
1975			
Jan	6,833	2,670	+44
Feb	7,964	2,908	+231
March	7,117	2,962	+53

* Sterling figures from 1971 to May 1972 valued at the Smithsonian parity rate of $2.6057, and from June, 1972 at the closing rate on the last day of the period. Gold and SDRs valued at their dollar par at the time.

Stock Exchange supports continued self-regulation

By Our Financial Staff

Hardly surprisingly, the Stock Exchange comes down strongly in favour of continued self-regulation in its submission to the Department of Trade inquiry into the supervision of the securities markets.

It does, however, suggest a number of possible measures to strengthen the present framework, including the possibility of granting qualified privilege to such bodies as The Stock Exchange Council to give them greater scope to publish the results of their investigations into various malpractices.

In broad terms, The Stock Exchange's submission to the Department is almost identical to those already made by the City Capital Markets Committee and the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers.

It rejects totally the need for any move towards a statutory framework—such as that suggested, for instance, by the Council of the Law Society.

The major advantages of self-regulation, The Stock Exchange argues, are that the regulating authorities are themselves practising experts in the unique and complex field in which they operate and that self-regulation allows for flexibility and speedy decision making.

Additionally, it creates an atmosphere in which the spirit as well as the letter of regulation is likely to be observed.

A most telling commentary on the effectiveness of The Stock Exchange's self-goverement was the reputation it enjoyed overseas.

Commenting on possible measures to improve the situation, The Stock Exchange's major point is that concerning the possibility of giving the Council qualified privilege in publishing the results of its investigations.

But it also repeats its earlier submissions for greater powers to get behind nominee holdings and for insider dealing to be made a criminal offence.

Like many of the other bodies replying to the Department's inquiry, The Stock Exchange also criticizes the Department for not fully using its own powers in the past.

Aston creditors back £1m offer from consortium

Aston Martin Lagonda, the troubled sports car company, was said last night to be on the verge of being sold to a group of American, Canadian and British businessmen headed by Mr Peter Sprague, for £1,050,000.

The offer, the third from the group, has been accepted in principle by a three-to-two majority of the five-man informal committee of creditors and the sale now hinges on approval from Aston's debenture holder, Company Developments of Solihull, its parent company.

Under the terms of the deal, Company Developments would have to accept £500,000 for its interest in Aston instead of an original figure of £750,000.

Mr Michael Clarke, the Aston receiver and manager, said it would be a very satisfactory outcome for the company. It would give preferential creditors £387,000, leaving about 10p in the pound for the £1m worth of unsecured creditors.

Mr Charles Warden, Aston's managing director, said last night that he had resigned from the company.

Societies may assist with GLC mortgages

The Building Societies Association confirmed yesterday that it would give serious consideration to a plan for giving home loans to Londoners seeking a mortgage from the GLC. A meeting between the two sides was being arranged.

Mrs Gladys Dimson, chairman of the GLC housing development committee, said: "We are treating this possible move as a matter of urgency."

How the markets moved

The Times index: 114.70 −0.01
FT index: 279.9 +0.2

Rises

Adda Int	1p to 14p	Hawker Sidd	4p to 270p
Birm Post 'A'	2p to 26p	Philips Lamp	5p to 820p
Brit Am Tob	2p to 277p	Slater Walker	3p to 84p
Bell A	7p to 92p	Teacher	10p to 205p
Distillers	3½p to 110p	Trianco	1p to 4½p
Fisons	7p to 295p	Vavasseur	½p to 3½p
French T	5½p to 47½p	Welkom	5p to 515p

Falls

Aust & NZ	23p to 285p	Lloyds Bk	7p to 178p
Bk of NSW	15p to 565p	Nat & Grind	7p to 46p
Barclays Bk	8p to 220p	Nat of Aust	12p to 230p
BP	3p to 335p	Reed Int	12p to 185p
Broken Hill	12p to 580p	Reliance Grp	15p to 460p
Bk of Scotland	10p to 195p	Sea Diam	1p to 13p
Invergordon	2p to 24p	Vlakfontein	5p to 225p

Equities were steady in thin trade. Gilt-edged securities had a quiet session.

Sterling closed unchanged at $2.4085. The "effective devaluation" rate was 21.3 per cent. Gold fell by 25 cents to $177¼.

SDR-$ was 1.25069 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.519282.

Commodities: Cocoa rose by up to £13.00 a metric ton yesterday. Reuters' commodity index edged forward by one point to 1,095.8.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.84	1.79
Austria Sch	41.25	39.25
Belgium Fr	87.00	84.25
Canada $	2.46	2.41
Denmark Kr	13.40	13.00
Finland Mkk	8.70	8.45
France Fr	10.30	10.00
Germany DM	5.75	5.55
Greece Dr	72.25	70.00
Hongkong $	11.50	11.15
Italy Lr	1,550.00	1,495.00
Japan Yn	725.00	700.00
Netherlands Gld	5.90	5.70
Norway Kr	12.10	11.75
Portugal Esc	59.50	57.50
S Africa Rd	1.82	1.76
Spain Pes	137.00	132.00
Sweden Kr	9.70	9.40
Switzerland Fr	6.20	6.00
US $	2.45	2.40
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	38.25

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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shipyards lose British il order to Denmark

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in's shipbuilding indus- on to be nationalized, has *£12m ferry order* from Rail because of the to meet required deli- ates.

vessel, due for delivery spring of 1977, has gone Danish yard of Aalborg which was among more 0 yards both in Britain road which were asked ler.

h Rail wanted the 9,000- sel to enter service on ish Sea route between ad and Dun Laoghaire ublin in early 1977.

night British Rail would close how many United m yards had been asked mit tenders, but the list certainly would have in- Scott Lithgow, Swan Hall Russell & Co., ll Laird and Sunderland lders.

h Rail's ordering policy e under fire on several s in view of the number which have been built gn yards, but a spokes- inted our last night that ships which had been built had been delivered on time.

The fact that British yards were unable to meet the delivery date required is understandable in that the United Kingdom industry still has a substantial order book and despite cancellations, particularly of large tankers, the British order book has so far been little affected.

But on the other hand a number of United Kingdom yards are actively engaged in discussions with the Iranian national shipping line for a series of orders for vessels in the 15,000 to 20,000 tons dwt class for delivery in the 1977-78 period.

The new multi-purpose BR ferry will have accommodation for 600 first class passengers and 1,800 second class, together with facilities for 335 cars, or 36 lorries and 40 cars.

British Rail's Sealink subsidiary is also to spend £1.5m on new terminal facilities at Holyhead.

News of the order came at the same time as confirmation that British Rail is planning to close livestock and general cargo services operating on the same route from this summer because of heavy losses.

Sun Life: "an unprecedented increase"

Extracts from
The Chairman's Statement to Shareholders

"We published . . . early in January figures showing an unprecedented increase in the sums assured underwritten during 1974. . . . Our new annual premiums increased by about 24% and over the past two years the increase has totalled 61%."

". . . Income exceeded outgo by £35.4million, bringing the total of our funds up to £562million. The premium income for the year, including cash bonuses applied as annuity premiums, increased by over £15million to a record total of £83.6million. This is particularly gratifying when it is realised that most of our premiums come from steady and traditional life and pensions business."

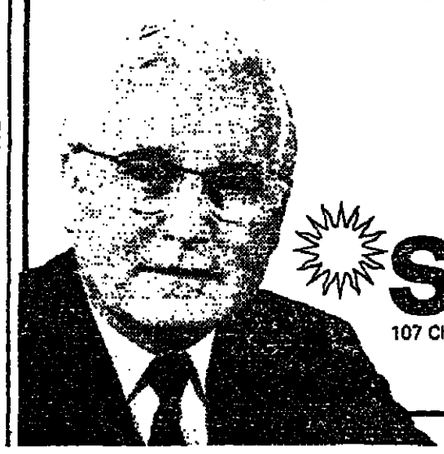
"During a very difficult year for the industry we have continued to expand by developing attractive but fundamentally sound contracts. Our Ten Plus policy . . . has proved highly competitive and we are confident that it will secure an even greater share of this growing market."

"The first major step in the transfer of office systems to the new C.D.C. Cyber computer in Bristol was taken in December. . . . The use of the computer has enabled us to streamline procedures and improve the speed and quality of service."

"The pensions field has once again been dominated by political uncertainty. . . . Even so, a useful flow of new business has continued and our terms are kept under regular review to ensure that they are competitive."

"For the members of the Society's staff it has again been a busy year with the large growth in our sums assured and premium income handled by staff whose numbers were only marginally increased over the year — a very creditable achievement."

P. G. Walker, Chairman



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BLMC distributors report strong demand for new 1800/2200

By Clifford Webb

British Leyland distributors and dealers yesterday reported so much interest in the company's new model 1800/2200 they are predicting that it will become the best-selling large saloon ever produced by a British company.

But a development causing problems is the number of motorists who want to make part-exchange deals of imported cars for the new model.

A spokesman for Mann Egerton, one of the largest BLMC distributors in the country, said: "We are being offered Peugeots, Citroens and BMWs in part exchange for the new car.

"These are normally regarded as being up market of the Austin Morris range. We can sell every 1800/2200 we can get, but naturally we are being a little careful about the type of car we are taking in part exchange.

"We have now got a car which, because of its advanced styling and comprehensive equipment, is more than a match for the importers. And at £2,100 it is very competitively priced."

BLMC expected dealers' reluctance to take foreign cars and warned them that they must adopt a more flexible attitude if they were to reach the one third of the British market now dominated by foreign makes.

Dealers also reported interest from an unexpected quarter—the fleet buyer. The old 1800 never made an impact in this key sector. Now companies are being pressed by executives to replace their present car with the trendy new 1800/2200.

A British Leyland spokesman said last night: "We don't want to crow too early, but motorists' initial response has been so good that we are all getting a little excited about the car's prospects."

Some 8,000 Austin, Morris and Wolseley versions were in the hands of the trade for launch day. With the help of a night shift, production at the Cowley factory is now running at about 1,000 a week, building up to 1,400 by mid-year.

Soon after that target is reached BLMC plans to introduce it into Europe. They are keeping the actual starting date flexible to give priority to more profitable home sales.

New talks on Leyland toolroom pay dispute

By R. W. Shakespeare

Senior British Leyland management representatives and trade union officials began a fresh round of negotiations yesterday in an effort to resolve the long standing pay dispute involving 600 key toolroom workers at the company's Castle Bromwich car plant in the Midlands.

Demands by the toolroom men for pay increases of more than £12 a week led to a month-long strike in February which caused the shutdown of the Castle Bromwich plant and a standstill of Jaguar and Mini car production. In all some 14,500 British Leyland workers were laid off and the company lost about £15m worth of production.

The new negotiations are crucial because they mark the final stage of British Leyland's disputes procedure with the car unions and failure to find a settlement could mean further industrial action.

After repeatedly ignoring instructions from their union, the AUEW, that they go back to work and allow further negotiations with the company to take place, the toolroom workers finally accepted this procedure and called off their strike. However, by that time a valuable overseas contract to supply £300,000 worth of machine tools to the South Korean motor industry had been lost.

Initial plant-level talks after the end of the strike failed to produce a settlement of the pay claim. Now the negotiations have been taken over by national union leaders. The toolroom men have turned down the company's offer of £5.25 a week.

Today union leaders representing some 24,000 Vauxhall workers will meet the company management to report that a new pay offer which could bring increases of more than £10 a week by the end of the year in a series of quarterly pay rises has been turned down at a series of plant level meetings.

The unions will now demand that most of the money being offered by the company is paid at the outset of the new wage agreement. Vauxhall argues that phasing in the increases at three-monthly intervals, with an extra pay rise if the inflation rate exceeds 16 per cent at the end of the year, would keep wage rates in line with the expected rise in the cost of living and also keep the entire deal within the terms of the social contract.

Banks cite social contract in wage claim

A row over a social contract principle has blown up between the leading banks and their staffs—even though neither is party to the contract. The Federation of London Clearing Bank Employers has told the National Union of Bank Employees and staff associations it will oppose any interim pay increase.

The current agreement for 180,000 staff still has four months to run. But the staff side of the joint negotiating council has lodged a claim for a 12.1 per cent interim rise from April 1.

The employers have promised to reply on May 6, but have made it clear they will resist any interim increases. A key principle of the social contract is that there should be a 12-month gap between major pay rises.

Government loan for new Mersey berths

Mersey Docks and Harbour Co, with the aid of a long-term Government loan, is to develop two new berths, one at the £50m Royal Seaforth Dock complex and the other at the nearby Gladstone North 3 dock.

The new berths are expected to handle South African and South American traffic as well as providing additional deep-water facilities for other trades.

U S car output lags

America's four major car makers built 489,224 cars during March, about 17 per cent below last year's depressed level. The drop reflected continued plant closings by the companies as they avoided building up inventories in the face of continuing slow sales.

Bulgarian trade offer

Bulgaria is prepared to buy a wide range of British plant and machinery to meet its needs during the five-year programme from 1967 to 1980 provided British imports from Bulgaria can keep pace, Mr Penko Penkov, president of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said yesterday in London.

Japanese car moves

Australia is negotiating with Japanese car manufacturers, Nissan and Toyota to form an Australian-based consortium to make vehicles, Mr J. McClelland, Federal Minister for Manufacturing Industry, said in Adelaide yesterday.

200 jobs go as BSC axe finally descends on Welsh iron mine

By Peter Hill

More than 200 workers employed by the British Steel Corporation at its iron ore mine at Llanharry, Glamorgan, will lose their jobs as a result of the decision to close the mine.

In a statement yesterday the BSC said that the mine would close in July this year. This was two years after the corporation had notified its intention to close the operation down because of the increasingly heavy losses incurred since 1969.

"Management was satisfied that the mine was not economically viable but after discussion with the unions it was agreed to carry out further exploration to see if the position could be improved. This has now been done, and although some ore is being mined in the area that was explored the mine continues to make heavy losses", the BSC pointed out.

The closure will affect some 240 employees, although between 40 and 50 workers will be retained for a few months longer to carry out salvage work. The corporation promised every assistance in the task of finding alternative work

Volvo plant offer by Ford rejected

Tokyo, April 2.—Volvo has considered offers for purchasing existing car assembly facilities in the United States, but has decided to go ahead with its own construction project instead, Mr P. G. Gyllenhammer, the companys president, said today.

Speaking at a press conference here, Mr Gyllenhammar said questions had been raised as to the advisability of purchasing an existing assembly facility in view of overcapacity in the United States resulting from the 1973 oil crisis.

Yesterday the Ford Motor Co disclosed in Detroit that it had discussed selling one of its assembly facilities to the Swedish automobile maker.

Volvo is starting work on an assembly plant in Chesapeake, Virginia. The factory, expected to cost about $150m, is scheduled to start production late next year at an initial annual rate of about 30,000 units.

Mr Gyllenhammer was in Japan to help launch Volvo's new joint sales venture with Teijin.

Ten air travel licences renewed

Names of 10 tour operators who had renewed their licences were issued last night by the Civil Aviation Autority. This came after Tuesday's CAA announcement that 117 tour organizers had failed to take out new licences before Monday ngiht's deadline

The 10 are: Anglia Holidays, Cosmopolitan Holidays, Cresta World Travel, Cunard Line, Gibraltar Travel. Holiday Fellowship, Intasun North, Redwood Travel, Scantours and United Travel Bureau.

Simon hint on interest rates floor

Washington, April 2.—Mr William Simon, American Treasury Secretary, does not expect long-term interest rates to fall below 8 per cent. But he gave a warning today that double-digit rates could return if the Federal reserve board expands the nation's money supply to accommodate a budget deficit, that could exceed $70,000m in the year ahead.

The Treasury may not continue to offer long-term securities in the near future such as the 8.25 per cent 15-year bonds it sold last month, he hinted.

"My most important job is to maintain a yield curve in respect to Treasury securities."

Mr Simon said he preferred an economic recovery in the order of 4 to 5 per cent annual growth in output. That figure would keep the nation's unemployment rate—now at 8.2 per cent and expected to climb higher—"at a level higher than we want".

But our options were "pretty lousy".

March decline in equity deals

After the high point recorded in February the value of Stock Exchange equity dealings in March fell back to the January level, according to official figures just released. But there was a marked improvement on the fixed-interest side.

The total for equities stood at £1,606.3m, against £1,803.3m in February which was the best return since March, 1974.

Fixed-interest deals went up from over £6,787m in February to almost £7,772m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Building services engineers

From Mr A. Gordon

In February, 1973, when I was president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, I, together with the presidents of the Institution of Structural Engineers and the Institute of Building, signed a letter which was reproduced in *The Times* on the 2nd February of that year. In the letter we described how the role of building services engineers has expanded vastly in the last two decades; how a discreet and vitally important profession within the building design team has developed with a full and essential part to play in the conceptual processes leading to the emergence of an integrated building design. We identified, in the national interest, the need for chartered building services engineers as members of a chartered body based on the Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers (IHVE) and pointed out that we had followed with increasing frustration the negotiations of the previous nine years.

The letter from G. F. Gainsborough, published in the *Business News* on March 19, indicates very clearly that, despite all the negotiations which had taken place before 1973 and since, the efforts have been to no avail in that Dr Gainsborough identifying himself as the secretary of one of the constituent members of the Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI), declares against any such recognition. What I find most perturbing is that this official of one of the constituent members of CEI has taken it upon himself to speak not only for his Institution, but for the fourteen other members of the CEI.

In November, 1973, I was privileged to attend a meeting at the CEI, when the then chairman, Sir Angus Paton, obtained from among those present—representing a cross section of the Council's membership—a consensus of opinion that there was a need for a building services organization with both a learned society role and a qualifying function. As far as I can recall, only Dr Gainsborough of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) disagreed.

Some two years earlier, together with representatives of other institutions concerned, I attended a meeting convened by Sir Michael Cary, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Building and Works. He had called the meeting in order to bring about a situation in which the building services engineering profession could achieve the status which would attract entrants of high calibre and enable it to develop. At that meeting the secretary of the Institution of Electrical Engineers claimed that building services engineering was only one of a large number of cross disciplinary engineering activities and that it would be foolish to set up a new chartered body for each of them. This view was not shared by the majority of those present.

The granting of a charter to IHVE may not have been "hitherto effectively opposed by CEI", but the secretary of one of its constituent institutions has made his position quite clear and his influence in a body made up of such powerful and important institutions seems to have been extraordinary.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX GORDON,
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Cardiff.
March 25.

Use of industrial hydraulics

From Mr R. Ruddock-West

Sir, Last Friday's (March 21) article on ways of cutting industry's energy costs is unwittingly misleading where it refers to my company's conclusions on future usage of industrial hydraulics. From this article it might seem we said there will be negligible growth in this industry. This is far from the case. This growth in hydraulics will however come from the growth of the using industries themselves, rather than from major new applications.

The article also refers to a new potential application in the form of central hydraulics systems for providing industrial power. This possibility was given very detailed consideration during our meetings with the top managements of hydraulics manufacturers and users throughout Europe. The overwhelming conclusion was that this would not have a major impact on the overall size of the market during the period 1975-80, the period under review.

As relatively impartial observers, we went on record as saying that the calibre, attitude and vigour of managers met was impressively high amongst successful companies in the United Kingdom industry. This strength can be built upon in a number of very practical ways described elsewhere. In the meanwhile, the European industrial markets are gradually becoming one, and the rewards will undoubtedly go to companies large or small which have achieved a high volume per product compared with their international competitors.

There is a vital message here not just for the hydraulics industry, but for British industry as a whole.

Yours faithfully,
R. RUDDOCK-WEST,
P-E Consulting Group Ltd.,
Wick Road,
Egham, Surrey.

Broking integrity

From Mr Henry Russell

Sir, Your article "Simplifying the Ratings System" indicates that the only consideration which affects insurance brokers is the size of the brokerage commission paid by the insurers.

This is simply not true. The reason why medium sized insurance brokers do not use policies whereby insurers are placed in direct contact with the client has nothing to do with the size of brokerage but simply concerns the fact that they wish to give their clients a full insurance service. This cannot be done if the insurer is left to negotiate direct the almost annual increase in premiums and the grave problems presented by the inter-office hidden agreements, for instance, the "knock for knock" agreement.

Yours faithfully,
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Companies mus wake up to stat takeover threat

From Mr Tim Renton, Conservative MP for Mid-Sussex

Sir, In reply to Mr Tinch letter (March 26) may I p out that Clause 28(1) of Industry Bill defines "i trial enterprise" and "ir try" as "any description commercial activity".

I moved a series of am ments to the Industry Bil March 20 that were desi to confine functions of National Enterprise Boar manufacturing undertak These were defeated on a by the Government, and Meacher, the Under-Secre in replying, made it clear the NEB's activities will tainly not be confined manufacturing industry.

In the course of that de a Labour backbencher, Brian Sedgemore, pointed that he and his colleagu the Tribune Group have gested that, rather than a capital of £700m, the needs £1,000m a year fo purposes it should fulfil.

Yesterday Mr Heffer m plain that the NEB wou dulge in contested takeov order to acquire shares company it wants.

Here, therefore, there state brontosaurus in the ing, with any commercial pany as its target and vast of taxpayers' money ava for its use in bid battles.

Profitable businesses wake up to this threat and preparing their defences.

Yours faithfully,
TIM RENTON,
House of Commons,

Return of DC

From Professor M. L. Bur

Sir, Mr Hugh Steph (March 17) suggests the haps DCE (Domestic Expansion) ought to brought back. In fact D rooted in the ancient cu school and thus is calc to make the money- extremely sensitive to balance of payments, th the service of a policy p defence of sterling at a rate at the highest orc priority. Since those who monetary policy is imp stress the merits of a s expansion-path for "M path with a moderate dient) and of floating s and those who think mo policy is unimportant w care about DCE, it mig better if DCE were brought back.

Yours faithfully,
M. L. BURSTEIN,
Professor of Economics,
The University Colleg
Buckingham
March 17

GOPENG CONSOLIDATED LIMITED

Extracts from the Statement of the Chairman, Mr J. D. Hellings, O.B.E., F.I.M.M., circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1974

The consolidated accounts for the year to 30th September, 1974, show a gross mining profit before depreciation of £2,712,635 compared with £1,607,255 in the previous year.

Improved returns from the rubber plantations have resulted from the higher price obtained for the commodity, particularly during the first six months of 1974, and also from a full year's production from the Kota Bahroe Estate. In consequence, the profit from this source of £349,934 compared with £154,730 in 1972/73, must be considered satisfactory bearing in mind that the price of rubber suffered a sharp downturn by mid-1974 due to economic difficulties in the consuming countries. Your Board, however, continues to be confident in the long term future of this essential commodity.

The overall profit from the mines and estates was £2,931,828. The balance available for the year was £886,673. From this, dividends of 14.25 pence have been declared the maximum permissible under the current counter inflationary legislation.

40,073 piculs (2,423.5 tons) of tin ore were produced from a total of 9,049,400 cubic yards, with an average recovery of .44 kati (.59 lb) per cubic yard.

Following a period of mild restriction in 1973, a sudden and unexpected demand for the metal in the winter of 1973 and spring of 1974 induced heavy disposals of tin by the General Services Administration of the United States and the Buffer Stock of the International Tin Council (33,822 tons and 4,598 tons respectively over a period of nine months). Despite these sales however there was a dramatic surge in the price of the metal. Commencing the Company's year at around $705 per picul (£2,062 per ton) it rose sharply reaching a peak of $1,380 per picul (£4,037 per ton) in April, 1974, but later fell back to $1,162 per picul (£3,400 per ton) by September. The average price received for tin concentrates was $637.99 per picul (approximately £1,866 per ton).

This fundamental increase in the price of tin has prompted the International Tin Council to increase the price ranges for the operation of its Buffer Stock, and the latest figures announced on the 31st January are for a floor price of $900 per picul and a ceiling price of $1,100 per picul. With the present inflationary trend in the world's economy, it would seem open to doubt whether the present floor price provides the safeguard and adequate incentive for the finance and equipment of new mining ventures. As this is a basic purpose of the International Tin Agreement, it is hoped that more far-seeing counsels will prevail in future. Similarly a strengthened buffer stock as an alternative to the premature introduction of Export Control and the harmful effects thereof, might well prove to be of long term advantage to the stability of the tin market.

In my statement last year I mentioned that an agreement had been made to purchase leases over 541 acres (subsequently established by survey to be 550 acres) of mining land in the Mukim of Chenderiang, Perak, for the sum of $3,194,230 subject to the approval of the Foreign Investment Committee in Malaysia. After lengthy negotiations, I am pleased to say that this approval has now been granted, subject to 30 per cent Bumiputra participation in compliance with Malaysia's new economic policy. With this purpose in mind a subsidiary Company is being formed in Malaysia for the future development and mining of these lands.

Since the middle of 1971 you will have been aware that in accordance with the Board's policy of expansion, the Company has purchased and paid for, out of revenue, in addition to these mining leases, both the Gopeng and Kota Bahroe Estates, at a total cost of approximately £1,750,000. At a time of great strain in the financial and economic fields, when liquidity problems are rife, it would now seem prudent to have a period of consolidation. Your Board, however, is mindful always of the need to replenish mining reserves should the opportunity arise, in order that in the long term the Company may continue to produce tin—a metal essential to modern industrial society.

In the first four months of the current year 801 tons have been produced compared with 838 tons during the corresponding period last year, and it is anticipated that the group's production will be similar to that of the previous year.

Business appointments

Executive change at British Sugar

Mr John Beckett is to succeed Mr Kenneth Sinclair as chief executive of British Sugar Corporation on October 1. He is at present group executive director of Tarmac, and will remain a non-executive director. Mr Beckett joins the corporation board on July 1.

Lord Pitt, Sir Morien Morgan, Mr Christopher Foster and Mr John Read are to serve for one year as part-time members of the Post Office Board.

The F. H. Lloyd steel and engineering group has announced the following executive changes: Brown Lenox: Mr R. J. Blissett, works director; Mr H. Osborne, director and secretary. M. & W. Grazebrook: Mr E. C. Frost, commercial director; Mr N. T. Black, technical director. E. C. & J. Keay: Mr M. Round, technical director; Mr K. Bowen, works director. Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Co (Walsall): Mr C. F. Webb, managing director since the retirement of Mr F. Webb; Mr H. P. D. Webb, commercial director. Salop Design & Engineering: Mr A. R. Greenfield, works director; and Mr G. H. Ward, director and secretary.

The Welin Davit & Engineering Co: Mr K. Rabey, technical director; Mr D. Thomas, works director. F. H. Lloyd: Mr R. E. Austin, personnel director; Mr B. Appleby, engineering director; Mr R. R. Harris, director and secretary. Lloyds (Burton): Mr M. M. Passam, production editor; Mr J. F. Hicklin, sales director. Parker Foundry: Mr J. A. Barke, production director; Mr W. T. H. Phillips, commercial director. Taylor & Hubbard: Mr G. Mason, technical director. John Bagnall & Sons: Mr J. D. A. Palmer, sales director; Mr G. W. Hughes, purchasing director; and Mr J. J. Dabbs, engineering director.

Mr J. C. Rietchel and Mr W. Lawrence are retiring from Grievesons, Grant on April 10, and Mr C. E. W. Peel is retiring from the partnership on May 2. Mr P. I. R. Byre, Mr J. R. F. Healing and Mr D. J. Moreton are being taken into partnership from April 11.

Mr G. R. Smith has joined the board of Inbucon/AIC Management Consultants.

Mr Peter Davis is now managing director of Key Markets. Mr David Caulfield becomes deputy managing director. Mr David Gordon is appointed finance director.

Mr D. J. D. McLeish has been appointed managing director of Leslie and Godwin (Life and Pensions) and to the board of Leslie and Godwin (Scotland) and G. and J. Miller Ltd.

Mr G. D. Carter has been made production director of United Gas Industries subsidiary, Teddington Components. Mr R. R. G. North has become finance director of Teddington Auto Controls in succession to Mr C. Parker, who remains on the board.

Mr P. B. Hamilton has been elected chairman of GKN Powder Met and will be joining the boards of all its subsidiary companies which comprise the Powder Met division of the Firth Cleveland sub-group of GKN. Mr Hamilton is a joint managing director of Firth Cleveland. Mr I. F. Donald, chairman of the Firth Cleveland sub-group and previously also chairman of GKN Powder Met, remains a non-executive director while Mr M. O. Bumfrey remains managing director and chairman of the subsidiary companies.

Rear Admiral Sir Peter Anson becomes assistant marketing director of Marconi Space and Defence Systems.

Mr P. R. Rowland has been made a director of MIM Holdings.

Mr Eric Brookes, managing director of Singlehurst Hydraulics has been elected chairman to succed Mr M. A. L. Holmes.

Mr M. H. L. Lewis becomes chairman of R. A. Lister Power Plant, a company recently set up by R. A. Lister. Mr E. N. Evans has become managing director and Mr J. A. Lister sales director.

Mr Lloyd Bankson, Mr William Dykes and Mr William Wright have been named as vice-presidents in the international banking department of the Citicorp International Bank, Mr S. Jerome and Goldstein and Mr Walter Imthurn have been named vice-presidents in the securities and corporate finance department.

Mr Allan Forbes has joined the board of Chesebrough-Pond's as manufacturing director. Mr James Farrin becomes director of marketing and sales, and Mr Rodney Bryant marketing manager.

Mr Jack Clarfelt is joining the board of Macpherson, Train & Co as director and joint vice-chairman.

Mr C. P. Andrews has been made deputy chairman of Mentmore Manufacturing.

Mr A. Christopher Parsons has been appointed a director of Australian Estates Co.

Mr A. E. Slade has resigned from the board of F. W. Woolworth Co, having reached normal retirement age.

Mr B. A. Stapleton has been appointed deputy chairman of Naafi. He takes over from Mr Kenneth Lincoln Hall, who remains on the board of management.

Mr M. C. Upton has been named as sales director of Colman Foods, succeeding Mr J. Baxter who is retiring.

Sir Keith Joseph, MP, has become a director of Drayton Premier Investment Trust.

Four new executives named by Tozer Standard and Chartered are: Mr Tony Brown, corporate finance officer; Mr David Britton, chief dealer; Mr Jack Phillips, chief accountant; and Mr Stuart Smith, credit officer.

Mr C. L. Boles has been elected vice-president, natural gas and gas liquids, Phillips Petroleum Company Europe-Africa. Mr C. O. Sumpter, director of purchasing for the company has also been elected a vice-president.

Cornercroft Limited

Record Profit

The thirty-ninth Annual General Meeting was held on 2nd April in Coventry and the Chairman Mr. J. R. Mead, J.P., F.C.A. included the following remarks in his address to the shareholders:

"At the halfway stage of our financial year ended 30th September 1974, your Group's profits were seriously reduced through the fuel crisis, the three-day week and the beginning of the recession in the Motor Industry. Pre-tax profits for the six months were only £93,000. Your directors were faced with a situation which called for improved output to cope with the backlog of orders, increased efficiency and realistic profit margins. With the full co-operation of the labour force a massive improvement in terms of turnover and profits was achieved, assisted by the seasonal nature of parts of the group trading. A record pre-tax profit of £372,533 from sales of £3,856,000 resulted compared with a pre-tax profit of £267,744 from sales of £3,207,000 for the previous year. The improvement was achieved in all divisions apart from Number Plate manufacture for the car industry which represents only 11% of group activity.

The demand for the products of the Pump and Agricultural Divisions was very encouraging and sales in Europe through the Dutch subsidiary will be stimulated by continued membership of the E.E.C.

It continues to be difficult to forecast future results. Adverse trends in the Motor and Aircraft Industries and some sub-contracting sectors must affect the current years trading. Orders for pumps and agricultural products have been good but uncertainty attributable to political factors is general.

Finance for increased working capital requirements has been obtained through bank borrowing and the deferred taxation reliefs which must be continued by the Chancellor. Your directors take the view that the ability to self finance and to attract investors funds must, sooner or later, be restored. Their policy is to maintain profit margins and pay a fair return to shareholders. The total of the gross dividend for the year is repeated at 4p. per share."

DEW

Extracts from Chairman's Statement and Annual Report

The Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1974, sh increase in turnover and profit.

	1974	19
Turnover	£13.2m	£1
Net Profit before Tax	£1,184,151	£1,023
Profit after Tax	569,488	625
Dividend	127,194	118
To General Reserve	50,000	150
Retained Profit for the year	392,294	325
Dividend per Ordinary Share (maximum permitted)	6.3p	

It is gratifying once again to report a record profit. This ha achieved despite the many economic difficulties expe throughout the year and is the aggregate of profit from each D and Company within the Group. The total outcome of the ye profit margin on turnover of 8.96%, which is slightly better th year.

The Company has no overdrafts or other borrowings a maintained substantial cash reserves which will enable it t advantage of any further development opportunities.

I am confident that the Company's progressive succe continue.

G. DEW & CO. LTD.
OLDHAM
Contractors for
Civil Engineering and Industrial Building
Piling & Foundations and Landscaping Divisions

THOMAS WITTER

AND COMPANY, LIMITED

(Manufacturers of Carpets, Vinyl and "Balatum" F Coverings, Roofing Felts, Packaging Board, etc.)

EXPORTS RISE 37½% IN A MOST DIFFICULT YEAR

The 77th Annual General Meeting of Thomas W and Company, Limited, was held on April 2nd in Manche The following are extracts from the circulated statemer the Chairman, Mr H. Bowser.

The enforced period of short-time working during early part of the year, coupled with shortage of materials, the soaring costs of production and the impos of price controls in the United Kingdom, made a det in our profits for the year inevitable. In addition a se set-back was experienced by our Australian Subsidiary result of that country's economic problems, indus troubles, serious unemployment and a consequent redu demand for consumer goods. Despite all efforts the tralian Company was unhappily involved in a heavy loss, latest indications show that some improvement can expected.

The pre-tax profits for the year were £796,432, compa with last year's figure of £1,153,822. The Directors rec mend a total dividend for the year of 2.638125p per sh (equivalent to a gross dividend of 15¾%, same).

Turnover increased from £13,308,000 to £15,639,000. an increase in export sales of 37½% was achieved. Our di for exports continues to be pursued with unabated vig

The results of Balamundi South Africa (Proprieta Limited were satisfactory. The profits of our Irish S sidiary were somewhat lower, conditions in Eire being inconsistent with those obtaining in the United Kingd

A number of new product lines is being introduced the market, and the Directors will continue to keep a st and constant surveillance on all aspects of the Compa business to maintain its position.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Lloyds considers the options on Grindlays

Sir Eric Faulkner, chairman of Lloyds Bank, is expected to confirm at the bank's annual meeting today that consultations are taking place with Grindlays Bank. Caution will prevent him from saying much more, but it will be fair to assume he means that Lloyds, holder of 42 per cent of National & Grindlays Holdings, which in turn holds 60 per cent of Grindlays, and First National City Bank, which has the other 40 per cent of Grindlays, are engaged in a major review of the bank's future.

I spelt out yesterday the uncomfortable implications for Grindlays' balance sheet of the £4m provisions by its subsidiary Brandts, and the question now is what options are open. For Brandts itself the situation is quite clear. Either there must be a capital injection, or there must be major disposals, possibly of parts of the loan portfolio, to restore the balance sheet to health. By implication the latter choice would mean a radical reduction in the size and scope of the business.

If this option is unacceptable and Grindlays puts up the necessary capital, it will inevitably find itself under some pressure to take the strain off its own highly-geared balance sheet. A rights issue is, of course, one possibility but Citibank said categorically yesterday it had received no approach for an injection of funds and after a 20 per cent fall in the share price in the past two days such an action is unlikely to appeal to Grindlays itself.

Alternatively, Grindlays could sell some of its own loans to Citibank or Lloyds. A further possibility being aired in the City is that the time is now ripe for the long-mooted bid for Grindlays by Lloyds—there would, at the very least, be some logic in Lloyds buying Brandts but whether that would appeal to Lloyds, itself seen by some as a rights issue candidate, is another matter. At this stage the solution is anyone's guess but in the market it is taken for granted that unless something is done the shares will continue to languish.



Mr Rowland Wright yesterday when he took over as chairman of ICI at the annual meeting in London.

Brown Brothers

Realism on Henlys

It has taken time for Brown Brothers to tackle financial realities but it is doing so now. Until recently solidly defended as a sound investment, the Henlys share stake has been written down to a level where Brown values it at 63p a share though this is still a long way from the present Henlys price of 49p.

The sale of various concerns and tighter controls has pulled down the overdrafts to £4m.

The fall in sales reflects disposals and the plunge in the year's pre-tax profits means that the second half year was better than the first half when Brown made £632,000. Assisted by the fall in interest charges the directors hope for profits not far short of the latest figure even though wholesale distribution, engineering and audio equipment do not look like growth material. It is thought that the former chairman, Mr Dennis Blake's stake will not be put on the market, and that Brown will sit on the Henlys shares until a buyer at the right price comes along. But the shares slipped 1p to 8p yesterday where the p/e ratio is 6.1 and the yield 9¼ per cent. These returns are looking far enough ahead.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £3.4m
Sales £47.8m (£54.3m)
Pre-tax profits £1.2m (£1.9m)
Earnings per share 1.31p (2.07p)
Dividend gross 0.74p (1.68p)

Slough Estates

Unconventional fund-raising

Slough Estates' £5¼m convertible issue ranks as the second departure from the conventional in the present stream of rights issues—Croda's income orientated issue having been the first. Quite apart from being the first convertible to be offered by way of rights, it is also the first rights issue from a property group—though we have had Barratt from the estate development field—and one of the few in which the institutions are being offered the opportunity to weigh in with applications for excess stock. And that they might well do judging by yesterday's response from the institutional underwriters, for a 10 per cent coupon and conversion price of 80p (against last night's price of 69½p) clearly have their attractions.

From the company's viewpoint a convertible might prove slightly more costly to service than a straight equity issue, but with relatively good prospects for a high and speedy return on industrial property over the next couple of years this is clearly no problem. Much more important is that Slough is in that fairly select band of property groups where a modest increase in gearing can not only be afforded but is probably attractive too, even after a further rise in borrowings last year.

Two further points of interest. First, the basis of allotment. On a strict *pro rata* basis an applicant for £100 of new stock—the minimum size of unit it is practical to handle—would need to hold just under 2,000 shares. In fact, some two thirds of Slough shareholders hold under 2,000 shares, so the group has opted for allocation of £100 of stock for any shareholding from 1-2,000 shares regardless of its size.

Whether the very smallest shareholders will want to put up a minimum of £100 is another matter, which obviously explains why the group is also allowing applications for excess stock. The second point of interest—which may also lead to applicants for excess stock proving fairly successful—is that the issue is going through with almost indecent haste. The offer closes on April 14—the day before the Budget.

House of Fraser

Defying the sceptics

A 24 per cent increase in four quarter sales from House of Fraser looks a little disappointing in comparison with a full year's result of just fractionally under that, bearing in mind that the period straddles the Christmas season. Nevertheless, the nine-month figures were buoyed up by massive summer clearance sales, as well as a first-time contribution from Army & Navy, which are now included in the comparable figures for the final three months.

So this sales performance is to be judged against a rise of a fifth for department stores generally, which sees the group still improving its market share. Margins, too, could be on the mend, to judge from the maintained fourth quarter pre-tax profits, after falls in the preceding nine months, but here the large unseasonal increases seen in January, when the department store average was around 30 per cent must have been an influence.

But the group is decidedly bullish on the outcome for the current year, when it is budgeting for a sales increase of between a fifth and a quarter. A key factor for earnings is the fact that last year's enforced cut in the gross was a once-and-for-all measure.

Specifically, Fraser could look forward to some recovery at Army & Navy, which turned in halved profits of £600,000 last year, and in the Copenhagen acquisition, which showed a £500,000 loss for the period. Apart from these factors one is relying on a continuation of the current sales bonanza, which steadfastly refuses to peter out despite the analysts, and perhaps some aggressive wooing of what tourist traffic is available.

The conventional wisdom dictates that a stores sector investor should be looking more towards the multiples and in the direction of where most of the huge wage awards are going, which suggests that Fraser, at 73o on a fully taxed p/e ratio of 9.6 falling to a prospective of 7.8 for the current year may not be the most rewarding counter.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £88.6m
Sales £321m (£259m)
Pre-tax profits: £19.6m (£20.5m)
Earnings per share 9.21p (9.86p)
Dividend gross 5.5p (4.8p)

Private steel—a suitable case for treatment?

Michael Meacher looks at the implications of the Johnson and Firth Brown affair

The Johnson and Firth Brown (JFB) affair has just reopened one of the main industrial issues which awaited the incoming Labour Government last year—how to handle the private steel sector? It is a question also intimately connected with the EEC renegotiations.

The problem began when the last Conservative Government divested the British Steel Corporation of much of its assets, partly by complete transfer, partly by exchange and partly by a reduction in the interests or shareholdings held by the BSC.

The present Labour Government, as it made clear in its manifesto, has never accepted that this pattern of disbandment represented the proper balance between the two sectors. Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, has stated explicitly in regard to the nationalized industries for which he is responsible that he will consider sympathetically proposals for their expansion and diversification.

In this context, the BSC put forward a proposal in February, 1974, to take control of Lye Trading, a steel stockholding company. This was a new venture for the corporation, which saw it as part of a strategy to acquire an appreciable share of the United Kingdom *stockholding business.*

Another instance of the same policy was the buying-out by the BSC in June last year of the 55 per cent private shareholding interests in Sheffield Rolling Mills, which had been set up as a joint public-private sector company in 1969.

It was in this light too that the Government explored the possibilities of a public sector acquisition of Jessel Securities' holding in Johnson and Firth Brown. It recognized the importance of the special steels sector as represented by JFB, and it also recognized the need for restructuring and modernization in this sector, a need disputed by few. The steel corporation had the particular motive of trying to undo the damage inflicted on the River Don works by the last Conservative Government.

The BSC secured the prior authorization of the European Commission under Article 66 of the Treaty of Paris to acquire a controlling shareholding in JFB, subject to the conditions on competition grounds that it divested itself within a year of Beardmores, the JFB forging affiliate in Glasgow, employing about 1,000 men, and of the JFB rod mill in Manchester.

Observance of these conditions would damage the JFB group, and Beardmores might not survive without the support of a larger group. Understandably therefore these conditions produced acute employment anxieties in Beardmores. They were also likely to undermine the viability of JFB's operations in the wire field, which were absorbed with the acquisition of Richard Johnson and Nephew.

JFB appealed in the European Court ot have the Ocmmission's authorization declared void and ministers would never have acquiesced to the BSC acquiring JFB so long as the divestment conditions stood.

With the lapse of the BSC's conditional offer, Lord Beswick, Minister of State at the Department of Industry, decided to acquire from Jessel Securities 29.9 per cent of JFB for eventual transfer to the National Enterprise Board.

Rightly or wrongly the Government believed at that time that it was proceeding with the acquiescence of the JFB board.

The Government's motives for acquiring a holding in JFB were to forestall others who appeared to have little to offer in the way of industrial benefit; to secure a firm base for promoting and monitoring restructuring and to secure a genuine partnership with a private sector company on lines, put to it in principle, that would enable support for its development plans with financial assistance.

The JFB Board then made it clear that it would oppose a government purchase of the Jessel shareholding. Indeed, it went further and appealed to the European Commission for an injunction to forbid the Government buying the Jessel shares.

It also alleged to the Takeover Panel that the Government was seeking to evade the 30 per cent rule of the Takeover Code by acting in concert with Dunford and Elliott. Of that there is not one shred of truth. Meanwhile the shares were disposed of privately to institutional investors.

There are a number of morals to draw from this episode that are relevant to government policy towards the private sector. First, the whole affair demonstrates the consequences of interpreting agreement by a company as meaning agreement only by the board, irrespective of the wishes and intentions of other interested parties.

Further, it shows the dangers of a private boardroom where its agreement is regarded as a decisive factor, talking itself into a self-damaging situation out of political suspicions that are simply not justified, and thus frustrating the interests of wider industrial policy.

The second lesson of this affair is that the difficulties also derived in part originally from the use of the European Commission's powers under Article 66 of the Treaty of Paris to impose conditions unacceptable on social grounds for the BSC acquisition.

It has been suggested that these unacceptable conditions might have been modified, but even if that were so, it does not alter the point that the Commission, under the supranational Treaty of Paris, was able to lay down a condition which caused great concern about job security in Beardmores. This was one of the matters as a result of which Mr Callaghan informed the other member states on March 3 in Brussels of the Government's concern.

The third issue raised is that the board was able to override the wider public interest in a manner which pre-empted the decision in the case not only of many shareholders but of its own workforce. The workers' representatives had produced a constructive and authoritative document in favour of the Government's wish to see a reorganization of the special steels sector in Sheffield.

They proposed that JFB should become the nucleus of a state-owned extra special steel industry under either NEB ownership or that of a reconstituted BSC. It is therefore highly regrettable that the decision to oppose the Government's purchase was taken without consultation with the workers directly involved.

For the future the Government retains its objective of reorganizing extra-special steels in accordance with the wider industrial interest, perhaps through the NEB. To be fair to the company, JFB has at no stage ruled out a public sector equity, though it has wanted this through a new issue of shares rather than through the government purchase of the Jessel holding. As further proposals develop, with the possibility of Section 7 assistance under the Industry Act, 1972, the equity participation can perhaps be progressively increased.

The other outstanding issue of this story concerns the Government's intentions in regard to renegotiation of powers over the steel industry lost as a result of accession to the EEC. If coordination of investment between the two sectors across the whole industry is desirable, one means of influencing this is no longer on the statute book—Section 15 of the Iron and Steel Act 1967, under which the private sector used to require the Government's consent to investment projects over a certain size. This was repealed by the European Communities Act 1972.

The reason for the Government's desire to regain some control over private sector activities is simply that any national strategy to match supply and demand for steel may be undermined if private sector investment is permitted to develop in an uncoordinated fashion.

Each sector has its role to play: the BSC as the bulk producer and the private steel sector firms as the more specialized producers. But the present boundaries between them may not be perfect or invariable.

One area where the loss of Section 15 powers has caused particular difficulty concerns the spread of mini-mills in the private sector. While in scrap-surplus areas like south-east England, mills like Sheerness play a valuable role, in scrap-deficient areas like South Wales they present significant problems.

Yet because of the loss of Section 15, the Government could not for example take action on industrial policy grounds to prevent the installation of an electric arc furnace mini-mill at Newport, which neither the Government nor the Commission regarded as desirable.

That is why the Government has put the EEC on notice that it wishes to pursue this real problem of the powers of control over steel investment after the referendum, should the British people decide to stay in.

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Snatching stability out of the jaws of chaos

Peter Jay
Economics Editor

The rise of "producer power"—the attempt by primary producing nations to boost prices by agreeing together to limit output—causes a conflict of emotions in the breast of Professor James Meade's "intelligent radical".

His intelligence teaches him to dislike cartels and price fixing as damaging to the efficency of the world economy and as a potential cause of international political friction and conflict. But his radicalism teaches him to believe that the world's poorer nations and peoples have had a raw deal through most of the post-war period because of fluctuating prices for their staple exports and the unfavourable trend until 1973 in their terms of trade.

Throughout the 'fifties and 'sixties the industrial countries largely ignored the problem. They gained from their ability (or that of their organized workers) to raise the price of manufactured goods in terms of the price of foods and materials. They felt they had the political strength to disregard the complaints of the Third World.

Moreover, they were not yet really worried about the inflation and currency disorders which the combination of Keynesian fiscal policies and free collective bargaining were progressively injecting into the world economy. The 1970s have changed all that, with the formal collapse of the Bretton Woods currency system, the dramatic acceleration of inflation and the counter-attack of the primary producers led by Opec.

From indifference the industrial countries have plunged into incoherence. On inflation the western governments desperately search for the golden mean on a non-existent Phillips curve.

On currencies the search for a stable international monetary system is given up in favour of the rather ephemeral preoccupation with recycling surplus oil earnings, and on commodity prices and "producer power" we have the United States paradoxical proposal that the oil-using nations should establish a floor price for oil.

Into this confusion of panicky reflexes, it is an unmitigated pleasure to welcome a thoroughly coherent, fully worked out and long matured set of strategic proposals which could at one and the same time restore the initiative to Britain and set our own and the world's economy back on the path to stability and openness.

Mr Grondona has been perfecting and adapting his scheme for stabilizing world commodity prices—and so currencies, whose values are ultimately related to commodity prices—for nearly 50 years; and along the way he has collected endorsements and commendations from almost every authority except the one needed to put his scheme into practice, namely the government of a major commodity-importing nation.

More hopefully, Mr Wilson has now reacted to the rise of "producer power" by calling for a price stabilization scheme. Here is his chance for Britain not merely to propose, but unilaterally to put into practice just such an internationally benign arrangement.

The present volume carries broadly commendatory prefaces from Lords Kaldor and Roberthall, from Sir Roy Harrod and from Mr Donald Tyerman. Three of them explicitly call for an official committee of inquiry to assess the Grondona system and to report to the Cabinet "with the utmost expedition" as a matter of "transcending and urgent importance".

This is sensible because, though the principles of the system are simplicity itself, the details and ramifications of the argument are complex and the unfamiliarity of the approach makes the scheme difficult for busy ministers and officials to digest at a cursory reading.

The essence of the scheme is that the British Government—or any other government of a leading commodity-importing nation which is quick enough to see the advantages of being first into the field—should establish a statutory Price Stabilization Corporation (PSC). The PSC declares for each durable essential basic commodity an initial index value related to the average price of that commodity over the past few years.

The PSC then guarantees to buy that commodity for domestic currency at 10 per cent below the index value and, when and if it holds stocks, to sell at 10 per cent above the index value. The index value itself is annually revised 5 per cent downwards or upwards if stocks have accumulated or diminished by a predetermined amount (or if no stocks have been acquired for a predetermined period).

Thus a damper is imposed on commodity price fluctuations (and so, with suitable arrangements, on currency value fluctuations); and a break is imposed on longer-term trends in commodity prices. But market forces in the end determine values and no artificial controls are imposed on output or on transactions in the free market.

The obvious objection is that, if commodity prices were thus stabilized while collective bargaining and "full employment" fiscal policies continued to inflate manufacturing costs and prices, then the primary producing countries would once again be impoverished by continuously deteriorating terms of trade.

This is however fallacious because collective bargaining can only inflate costs and prices if governments inject the necessary inflationary purchasing power into their economies. If they do this, then under the Grondona system commodity prices will steadily rise under the influence of rising world monetary demand, but with less fluctuations.

**Economic Stability is attainable by L. St. Clare Grondona. Hutchinson Benham, London. £1.75.*

Business Diary: Shelepin and Murray • Newcastle's loss

...helepin visit has been ... its effect upon manage... as well as trade unionists. ...night, TUC leaders from ... secretary Len Murray ...ral council member Tom ...a of the Post Office ...s were standing by to take ... television programmes ...attempt to counter the ...nce caused by the intense ... that attends the move... ...of the former KGB chief. ...while, miles away from ...evision studios, the man... ...t of the Kilmarnock ...of Glacier Metal could ...een forgiven for breath... ...sigh of relief after a ...nd 45-minute tour by the "trade union" leader.

...on Tuesday morning ...mett, director of Glacier Kilmarnock region, ... a message from the TUC—in turn reacting ...proach from the Russian ...—asking if Glacier ...show around Shelepin ...entourage for an hour

...lmarnock Glacier makes ...aring production plant ... exported to Russia for ...he country's motor and ...ndustries. On the other ...ere was all the hoo-ha ...apers and on radio and ...n.

Eastern delegations ...at the plant all the time, ...uest was swiftly passed ... extraordinary meeting ...works council before a ...ment pronouncement ...le.

...eeting, chaired by Bill ...d, the engineering ... in charge of the tool department, unanimously to receive the Russians "in the interests of the strong trading relationship between the company and Russia".

Emmett said warily last night that Shelepin, who spoke through an interpreter during his 45-minute visit, had shown a wide knowledge of technical developments within Russia.

Back in London where the TUC is smarting under the media campaign about the visit and what it is seen as Murray's handling of it, the general secretary was trying to do what he could to put the record straight.

Although Murray could not really say so, he in fact "inherited" Shelepin from his predecessor, Vic, now Lord, Feather, who two years ago led a TUC deputation to Russia, along with Jack Jones and Tom Jackson.

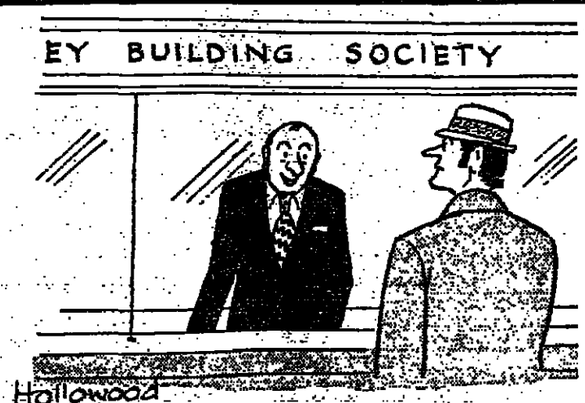
Feather extended a reciprocal invitation to the Russian trade union movement, one which embraced Shelepin as the movement's leader. Feather at that time did not appear to appreciate the dust this would stir up. In the event, he was no longer general secretary when the chickens came home to roost.

When last month Murray, *Jones and Tom Parry of the* Fire Brigade Union were in Geneva for an ILO trade union conference, they ran into Shelepin, anxious to take up the invitation.

Murray, possibly more aware of the fuss that might ensue than Feather, nevertheless took the view that as a member of the Politbureau, Shelepin was "an organ grinder rather than a monkey" and as such it behoved the British movement to keep the lines open.

However, once the visit was confirmed, Murray found himself not only a prisoner of the Feather arrangment but also of the Government's elaborate security precautions—so much so that even general council members did not know until a few hours beforehand of Shelepin's movements.

No doubt this time next year Murray will be being asked to use his "good offices" to intercede with Shelepin on this or that humanitarian matter. In the meantime, on with the motley!



End of the Line

After nearly a century of sailings between Newcastle upon Tyne and Norway, the Bergen Line plans to scrap the service in favour of Hull, where they will run a pooled service with Fred Olsen. It is a decision uninfluenced by the trawlermen's blockade.

Olsen, the other leading Norwegian shipping concern, has already said it is pulling out of the Tyne in the autumn.

The last Bergen line ship will sail up the Tyne to its tailor-made terminal on October 5, and among the first to feel the draught will be the Northumberland Avenue, the city's shopping heart. Norwegian shoppers have long come over in droves lured by the (for them) cheap British goods. One way or another, it has been putting at least £1m a year into the local economy.

It will be a blow too for the hotel trade which will now have to struggle even harder to fill the city's 2,000 beds. Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, which has already got rid of some of its hotels is already looking hard at the future of its historic 100-bedroom Royal Turks Head Hotel on Grey Street.

But the Tyne and Wear County Council is not taking the Bergen Line decision lying down. It has been promised municipal support in Bergen and Oslo for a joint plea to the shipping company. The council is also having talks in London today with Russian shipping interests to see if they would like to move in.

New airline

As the big airlines cut back their business against a background of rocketing costs it is surprising to find somebody sufficiently optimistic to start a new airline. But Nigel Ellis is installed at the age of 25 as the managing director of Bristol-based Severn Airways, which this week opened scheduled services with two 10-seater Doves twice daily between Lulsgate airport and Leeds/Bradford, and which intends in May to begin a second route from Bristol to Cork by way of Swansea.

Ellis, a former British Aircraft Corporation, Filton, man with a business training background, told us yesterday that he expects the Bristol-Leeds route to be patronized up to 80 per cent by businessmen.

Loads during this first week have been very encouraging. Severn, backed by the Cardiff finance company Bernell and the money of its own directors, is beginning life with a total of eight employees, four of whom are pilots.

Legal & General 1974 Results

The unaudited results for 1974 of Legal & General Assurance Society Limited are as follows.

	1974 £m	1973 £m
Group Premium Income		
Pensions and Life business	221.4	188.5
General insurance	60.3	49.3
Profit & Loss Account		
Underwriting results		
Pensions and Life business	6.2	5.3
General insurance	(2.5)	0.9
Investment Income	7.9	6.0
	11.6	12.2
Expenses and taxation	2.1	4.1
Group Operating Profit	9.5	8.1
Shareholders' dividends	5.2	4.7
	4.3	3.4
Balance from previous year	11.4	10.3
	15.7	13.7
Transfer to Investment Reserve relating to fall in market value of investments, less tax relief	7.6	2.3
Retained in Profit and Loss Account	8.1	11.4
Earnings Per Share (based on the group operating profit)	7.92p	6.92p
Shareholders' Dividends	4.361p	3.941p

The directors recommend a final dividend for 1974 of 2.761p per share payable on 4 June 1975, which, with the interim dividend of 1.6p already paid, makes a total for the year of 4.361p per share. With the associated tax credit of 2.148p this gives a total gross dividend for 1974 of 6.509p per share, the maximum permissible under current legislation.

Copies of the Report & Accounts for 1974 and the Chairman's Statement will be sent to shareholders on Thursday 24 April.

Annual General Meeting-21 May 1975

Legal & General
Assurance Society Limited

Flixborough, Darwin hit L & G: Pearl blow in Canada, Australia

By Ashley Druker

Both reporting that the stock market recovery since December has significantly redressed the fall in asset values, Legal & General Assurance Society, Britain's second largest, and Pearl Assurance Co turn in profits for 1974 affected by a non-life underwriting loss.

Including for the first time Victory Insurance, L & G's operating profit advanced by 17 per cent to £9.5m, representing earnings per share of 7.92p compared with 6.92p. The profit arises mainly from a £6.2m (£5.3m) surplus from pension, life and annuity business and £7.9m (£6m) investment income, but less an underwriting deficit of £2.5m against a £900,000 profit. The contribution from pension and life business arises from a valuation surplus in the parent company's long-term funds of £44.5m (£42.1m). Chief ingredients in the £2.5m deficit were the Flixborough and Darwin disasters plus the inflationary pressures on claims costs.

The year's dividend is lifted from 5.79p to 6.51p.

Net profit of Pearl fell from £3.26m to £2.94m after tax of £280,000 against £300,000. The life branch surplus amounted to some £33.62m compared with £32.73m. Its non-life underwriting loss came to £3.5m against £2.29m and chiefly attributable to very poor experience in Australia and Canada regarding participation in a London casualty pool from which it withdrew at end-1973.

The dividend for the year is up from 12.73p to 14.33p, though not covered by profits.

Chamberlain wipes out interim reverse

By Peter Wainwright

Chamberlain Group ended its year to last December in much better shape than the interim statement in November suggested. Pre-tax profits rose by 34 per cent to nearly £906,000 and the dividend is kept at a net 1.563p a share, making 2.32p gross. At half time pre-tax profits had halved, the hope for the year was simply of maintained profits and the interim dividend was cut as a "prudent" step.

The directors add that orders in the first quarter of this year are well ahead of the same months the year before and prospects are good. Behind these words is the hope that loss-making structural steel interests will move into profit, and that the hydraulic engineering division will move ahead, assisted by its 66 per cent of output going to exports.

Bank borrowings are being curbed, year-end overdrafts of £3.3m, up from £2.9m, are already down by nearly 15 per cent, and the Chancellor's tax relief on stocks is worth around £450,000.

Stock markets

Shares mark time in thin trading

Trading on the stock market remained thin yesterday, with the City clearly inclined to wait for Budget Day before taking up any new investment stance. Dealers said that the tone of the market was improving perhaps on the hope that today will bring buying for new time. But turnover was light, and the day's recorded bargains totalled only 7,726.

The equity market saw some "bed and breakfast" trade from small investors, still wanting to establish tax losses ahead of the year end. The major investors, the pension funds, unit trusts and their like, have already taken advantage of the increase in share prices and turnover since Christmas to rearrange their portfolios.

Burmah stock warrants (1972-75), one of the market's outstanding "bear situations", closed yesterday at 2½p, compared with around 10p at best since the return to quotation. Subscription rights expire on June 30—unless their lease of life is extended.

The news of heavy property losses at Wm Brandts failed to upset the banking share area. National and Grindlays Holdings, parent of Brandts, suffered little selling, while Lloyds Bank, holder of 42 per cent of Grindlays, closed 7p off at 178p. Barclays Bank (220p), National Westminster Banking (190p) slipped 5p with the market, while Midland Bank held unchanged at 210p.

Property shares also held up well against the Brandt statement. Losses in such leaders as Hammerson Ordinary (315p) and MEPC (147p) were small.

On the industrial pitches, interest focused around statements from ICI and Burmah Oil. The statement from the ICI chairman that the group's profits will fall this year clipped the shares from 221p to 218p (unchanged on the day). Also dull were Unilever (318p), Courtaulds (93p) and Glaxo Holdings at 386p.

On the oil share pitch, shares in Burmah Oil remained weak, but rallied from 38p to close unchanged at 40p after the statement on further sales plans. Turnover in Burmah shares is still very nervous, with the market convinced that some major institutional holders are selling ahead of the annual report and results, expected shortly.

BP shares slipped to 335p yesterday, and Shell ended 1p off at 221p.

Shares in GEC were heartened at first by news of a substantial contract, but the closing price of 107p was below the best. Plessey (67p) and EMI (93p) were a shade easier.

A weak spot was Reed International (12p off at 185p) on consideration of the production stoppage at the Daily Mirror. Bowater at 97p were also weak.

With consumer spending a likely target in the Budget, store shares gave ground. Marks & Spencer (177p), Boots (also 177p), Mothercare (162p) were all easier. Results from House of Fraser left the shares 3p down at 73p.

On the insurance pitch, Pearl Assurance rallied from 164p to 170p (a net 2p up) after r porting lower profits. Roy (226p) and Commercial Un (134p) were steady. Legal a General were a dull spot b turnover on this pitch was r heavy.

Equity turnover on April £18,282 (32,257 bargain Active stocks yesterday, acco ing to Exchange Telegra were ICI, Midland Bank N Burmah Oil, Cons Goldfie new, Marks & Spencer, R International, BP, Distill Thorn "A", and Bats.

Disclosure of property loss Wm Brandts unsettled share National & Grindlays Hldgs, parent company. One jo opened Grindlays shares at 45p, a substantially "wid price than usual. Little turn was reported, however, and shares closed at 46p, a ne down.

Gilts were very quiet. De said that interest was sub in advance of the Budget price movements were s reflecting the light turn

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord. div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Bk of Scotland (£1) Fin	6.2	5.67	19/5	12.39	11.[illegible]
Biddle Hldgs (25p) Fin	4.47	4.47	16/5	7.45	7.32
Bridport-Gundry (20p) Int	0.82	0.73†	—	—	—
Brittains (25p) Fin	2.25‡	1.96	8/5	4.5	3.33
Brown Bros Corp (10p) Fin	0.45	0.65	2/6	0.75	1.65
Burns-Anderson (10p) Int	0.47	0.47	31/5	—	1.65
Cape Ind (25p) Fin	5.4	5.37	—	8.41	8.25
Carron (25p) Fin	3.04	3.04†	—	5.24	5.24
Chamberlain GP (25p) Fin	1.83	1.49	2/7	2.33	2.3
Chas Clifford Ind (£1) Fin	4.47	7.73	—	10.4	13.[illegible]
Equity & Law Life (5p)	7.6	7.2	—	7.6	7.2
Stan Gibbons Int (25p) Fin	1.94	1.64	23/5	3.58	3.2
House of Fraser (25p) Fin	3.64	3.22	25/6	5.51	4.8[illegible]
Percy Lane (10p) Fin	Nil	2.6	—	Nil	4.1[illegible]
Legal & Gen (5p) Fin	4.11	3.64	—	6.51	5.7[illegible]
Lydenburg Plat Int	Nil	5.2	—	—	13.[illegible]
Nat & Grindlays (25p) Fin	Nil	2.4	—	2.52	4.54
W. L. Pawson (5p) Fin	Nil	1.04	—	Nil	1.5[illegible]
Pearl Assurance (5p) Fin	9.1	7.73	—	14.33	12.7[illegible]
Renong Tin (10p) Int	2.0	3.0	7/5	—	14.0[illegible]
Rotaflex (GB) (10p) Fin	0.46	0.43†	—	1.08	1.04
Sangamo Weston (50p)	9.4	9.4	17/5	9.4	9.4
Sec Broadmount Tst (5p) Int	0.37	0.36	16/5	—	1.11
Startrite Eng (20p) Int	1.41	1.25	23/5	—	3.96
Thurgar Bardex (10p) Fin	0.33	Nil	7/5	0.78	Nil
Wm Uttley (12½p) Fin	1.14	1.01	19/5	1.84	1.64
Victor Prods (25p) Int	1.47	1.31†	28/4	—	3.45

†Adjusted for scrip. ‡Subject to Treasury consent.

BVI at peak but outlook is cloudy

The recovery evident at half time at British Vending Industries has continued—albeit at a slower rate—and the group has finished 1974 with a record profit of £376,000, against £241,000, on turnover of £6.6m, against £4.9m. After deducting extraordinary items, amounting to £15,000 for 1973, attributable profits come out at £201,000, against £135,000. Earnings a share are 2.35p, against 1.41p before the items.

In his annual report, Mr J. Syrad, the chairman, says that the main operating subsidiary, Automatic Catering Supplies, had a good year although costs soared in the latter months of the term. Second-half profits are in fact up from £180,000 to £190,000.

Expanded Metal slows, but year ends with record

Although pre-tax profits at Expanded Metal are up from £1.89m to a new record of £2.45m, the rate of growth slowed down over the year, as was feared at half time. Taxable profits include a contribution from associate companies increased from £91,000 to £116,000, while turnover rose from £13.8m to £16.8m.

A revaluation of plant, less good will written off, produces an extraordinary item of £191,000. Before this item, earnings a share are 7.82p, against 6.13p, while after the credit they are 9.09p, compared with 6.18p. There is no final dividend, leaving the year's total up from 3.39p to 3.82p.

Receiver called in at Greensquare Props

Dealings in Greensquare Properties, the housebuilding group which had striven hard to grow bigger in property investment, were halted yesterday morning when the market opened. The directors announced that a receiver was to be appointed.

The shares were 5½p on suspension against a high last year of 59½p, an offer for sale price of 80p in July, 1972, and a peak price of 90p in 1973.

The receiver was called in by the debenture holder at the request of Greensquare. The debenture holder is Northern Commercial Trust, which is the group's main banker. Others are Barclays Bank and the Co-operative Bank.

Eldridge Stableford, the collapsed financial conglomerate, has 33 per cent of the shares and Mr David Eldridge is Greensquare's chairman. Another big holder is Tremletts.

Arnsec halted: Listing of ordinary shares of Arnsec Ltd, a broadly based investment group, has been suspended at board's request pending clarification of financial position with bankers.

Brittains look for recovery in plastics and paper

By David Mott

Although its paper and plastics side is currently suffering from customer destocking, Brittains, the Staffordshire group which also has interests in civil engineering and road haulage, expects conditions to improve in a few months' time.

Last year profits before tax rose by £1m to a record £2.18m, but the second half with growth of 30 per cent, was considerably slower than the first, when profits were almost trebled. But with the civil engineering side going well and road haulage much healthier, Mr K. Latchford, chairman, feels an upturn in plastics and paper is not far off.

IDA joins in CRH financing

Just over a month ago Cement-Roadstone Holdings, the largest industrial group in Ireland, made known that it had concluded a £50m financing package to fund a series of major investment projects over the next five years. In addition the group now reveals that the Industrial Development Authority of Ireland is making a £4m grant towards the cost of the extension of the cement factory at Platin in co Meath. IDA is also investing £1m in the CRH equity by subscribing for 1.9m ordinary shares. The group estimates that the final cost of the Platin extension, which was costed at £25.5m in 1974, will cost more than £35m by the time it is completed in 1977.

News Ltd slip but UK side brighter

Reporting from Adelaide a 64.4 per cent slump in after-tax profit of News Ltd in the half to December 31, Mr Rupert Murdoch, managing director, balances this with the encouraging news that, in Britain, News International continued to gain strength and make good profits.

Profit from the Australian operation fell 47 per cent in spite of a revenue increase of 13 per cent because of wage increases and delays in price rises. Stringent cost-saving programmes have been set in motion and labour-saving equipment is being introduced on an accelerated basis. Additionally, heavy losses were sustained in the new American ventures though there is a strong improvement in the current half.

In the year to June 30, 1974, net profit fell from $A8.04m to $A6.39m.

Profit rise expected by Toyota

Tokyo, April 2.—In spite of a 9.2 per cent decline in exports Toyota Motor Sales Co, the sales division of the Toyota Motor Group, the company expects net profits to rise to over 6,500m yen (£9.28m) for the half-year to March 31, against 5,819m for the same period last year.

Mr Seishi Kato, vice-president, said that the export decline was more than offset by a 33 per cent rise in domestic sales. Gross sales will be well over 878,000m yen, he said, compared with 783,236m.

Toyota's competitive strength lay in its system of supplying consumer credit in the same way as General Motors and Ford. Mr Kato said that Toyota's exports declined over six months as both the European and American markets had been in recession.

Wall Street

New York, April 2.—Stocks closed narrowly lower today after an erratic session.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.02 points to 760.56. It was down almost two points in early trading, but showed a gain of almost six points in a brief mid-session rally attempt.

Declining issues finished the session ahead of gains by about 745 to 565.

Volume totalled 15,600,000 shares compared with 14,480,000 shares yesterday.

Brokers said many investors, including the influential institutions, were awaiting signs of market direction. The market recently levelled from a steep advance starting in early December and running through mid-March.

Analysts added that the recovery attempt was thwarted in part by Treasury Secretary William Simon's statement that he does not expect long-term interest rates to fall below 8 per cent.

	Apr 2	Apr 1
Allied Chem.	36¼	36½
Allied Stores	28½	28¾
Allied Supermkt.	3½	3½
Allis Chalmers	9	8¾
Alcoa	37¼	37⅛
Amax Inc	41	40⅞
Amerada Hess	16⅞	16⅞
Am. Airlines.	8⅞	9⅛
Am. Brands	39	38⅞
Am. Broadcast	18½	18⅝
Am. Can.	33½	33¼
Am. Cyan.	25¼	25¼
Am. El. Power	17	17
Am. Home	37½	37⅛
Am. Motors	5¾	5⅞
Am. Nat. Gas	35⅞	36
Am. Smelt.	17	17⅛
Am. Standard	12⅞	12¼
Am. Tel.	49	49
Amf. Inc.	15¾	16
Anaconda	17⅜	17⅛
Armco Steel	29¼	29¾
Ashland Oil	18¾	19
Atl. Richfield	81½	81⅛
Avco	4⅞	4½
Avon Prod.	36⅞	36⅞
Babcock & Wcox	16½	16⅞
Bankers Tst NY	35½	34⅞
Bank of Am.	36⅝h	36½k
Bank of N.Y.	30	30⅞
Beat Fds.	19⅞	19⅞
Bect. Dick	36⅞	37⅛
Bell & Howell	14½	14⅞
Bendix	31½	31¼
Beth. Steel	34½	34
Boeing	20¼	20½
Boise Cascade	17¼	17½
Burden	22⅞	22¼
Borg Warner	16½	16⅞
Bristol Myers	58¾	57⅞
BP	8⅞	8¼
Budd	9¾	9¾
Burl. Ind.	22⅞	22⅞
Burlington Nthn	34⅞	34½
Burroughs	87¼	89⅞
Campbell Soup	30	30
Canadian Pac.	15⅞	15⅞
Caterpillar	64½	64⅝
Celanese	29¼	29⅞
Central Soya	11⅞	12⅞
Charter N.Y.	22⅞	23¼
Chase Manhat.	31¼	31⅛
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	34⅞	35⅞
Chesapeake Ohio	32	32⅞
Chrysler	10½	10½
Citicorp	33⅞	33⅞
Cities Serv.	39¾	39⅞
Clark Equip	27⅞	27⅞
Coca Cola	75¾	76
Colgate	29⅞	29¾
C B S.	45	45½
Columbia Gas	26⅞	26⅞
Comb Eng	37⅞	37½
Comw. Edison	24⅞	24⅞
Con. Edison	11⅞	21
Cons Foods	15⅞	15¾
Cons Power	14¾	14⅞
Cont. Can.	25⅞	25⅞
Cont. Oil	44⅞	44⅞
Control Data	15¼	15⅞
Corning Glass	43¾	43⅞
C.P.C. Intnl.	39⅞	39⅞
Crane	40⅝	39¼
Crocker Int	23	22⅞
Crown Zeller	32½	32½
Dart Ind.	23⅞	23⅞
Deere	39½	39⅞
Del Monte	23¼	23½
Delta Air	37¼	39⅞
Detroit Edison	10½	10½
Disney	47½	47
Dow Chem.	73⅞	74
Dresser Ind.	48⅞	47⅞
Duke Power	13½	13½
Du Pont	101	99½
Eastern Air	5½	5⅞
East. Kodak	91¼	91⅞
Eaton Corp.	26⅞	26⅞
El Paso G.	12⅞	12½
Equitable Life	17¼	17¼
Esmark	26⅞	26⅞
Evans P. D.	5⅞	5⅞
Exxon Corp	73⅞	74
Firestone	17½	17⅛
Fst. Chicago	18	17⅞
Fst. Nt. Boston	28¾	28
Fst. Penn Corp	17⅛	17½
Ford	36⅞	37
G.A.F. Corp.	9½	9½
Gamble Skogmo	23⅞	24
Gen. Dynam.	30⅞	30⅞
Gen. Electric	45⅞	45⅞

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Gen Foods	23	22⅞
Gen. Instr.	10⅞	10½
Gen. Mills	45⅞	45⅞
Gen. Motors	40⅞	40⅞
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	13⅞	13¼
Gen. Tel. El.	20¼	19⅞
Gen. Tire	13⅞	13⅞
Genesco	3⅞	3½
Georgia Pac	32⅞	32⅞
Getty Oil	146¾	145¼
Gillette	31½	31½
Goodrich	16⅞	17
Goodyear	17⅞	17⅞
Gould Inc.	19⅞	19¾
Grace	25⅛	25
Grant W.T.	4⅞	4⅞
Gt. At. & Pac.	9⅞	9⅞
Greyhound	12	12⅞
Grumman Cp.	15⅞	15¼
Gulf Oil	18⅞	19⅛
Gulf Wn. Ind.	30⅛	30⅛
Heinz, H. J.	47¼	48
Hercules	23¼	22⅞
Honeywell	29	29⅞
Illinois Cent Ind	13⅞	13⅞
Ingersoll	76⅞	77¼
Inland Steel	40¼	39⅞
I.B.M.	203¾	206¼
Int. Harv.	25	25½
Int. Nickel	24⅞	24⅞
Int. Paper	41½	41⅞
Int. Tel. Tel.	20⅛	19⅞
Jewel Co.	22½	22⅞
Jim Walter	34⅞	34
Johns Manv.	20⅞	20½
Johnson & John	90	89½
Kaiser Alum.	22⅞	22½
Kennecott	35⅛	35½
Kerr McGee	77¼	77⅞
Kimb. Clk.	29	29⅞
Kraftco Cp.	39¼	39¼
Kresge S.S.	25	24⅞
Kroger	21⅛	21⅞
Ligg. Myer	29⅞	29½
L.T.V.	14⅞	16¼
Litton	6	6
Lockheed	6½	6½
Lucky Stores	13⅞	13⅞
Magnavox	6⅛	6⅛
Manuf Hanover	31	30⅞
Mapco	33⅞	33
Marathon Oil	32¾	32¼
Marcor Inc.	21⅞	21⅞
Marine Mid.	17½	17⅛
Martin Mar.	13⅞	13½
McDonnell	10¼	10⅞
Mead	15⅞	15½
Merck	73⅞	73¾
Minn. Min.	50½	51¼
Mobil Oil	37⅞	39⅞
Monsanto	53⅛	54⅞
Morgan, J. P.	56⅞	57⅞
Motorola	40⅞	50¾
NCR Corp	26⅞	26⅞
NL Ind	13⅞	14
Nat. Bisc.	34	33⅞
Nat. Distill.	15¾	15⅞
Nat. Steel	39⅞	39½
Norfolk West	64⅞	64⅞
NW Bancor	37¼	37⅞
Norton Simon	18¼	17⅞
Occ. Pet.	13⅞	13⅞
Ogden	17⅞	17⅞
Olin Corp.	18⅞	18½
Otis Elev.	31½	32
Owens Ill.	39	39 •
Pac. Gas. El.	20¼	20⅞
Pan. Am.	4	4
Penn. Cent.	1⅞	1⅞
Penney J C	58	56⅞
Pennzoil	18⅞	19⅞
Pepsico	59⅞	58⅞
Pet Corp	22⅞	22⅞
Pfizer	31¼	31¼
Phelps Dod.	37	38½
Philip Mor.	48⅞	47⅞
Phill. Pet.	39⅞	39
Polaroid	24¼	25⅛
P.P.G. Ind.	26⅞	26½
Proc. Gamble	93	93⅞
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	14½	15
Pullman	44⅞	43⅞
Rapid American	7⅞	7⅞
Raytheon	33	33
RCA Corp	15⅞	16
Repub. Steel	31⅞	31⅞
Reynolds Ind.	53⅞	52⅞
Reynolds Metal	18⅞	18⅞
Rockwell Int	19½	19½
Royal Dutch	35⅞	35
Safeways	43⅞	43⅞
St. Regis	23½	23¼

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Santa Fe Ind	26⅞	26½
SCM	13⅞	13⅞
Schlumbgr.	110¾	109⅞
Scott. Paper	16½	16⅞
Seaboard Coast	27⅞	28
Seagram	30⅞	30⅛
Sears Roe.	67⅞	67⅞
Shell Oil	42⅞	43
Shell Trans.	21¼	21⅛
Signal Co	16⅞	16⅞
Singer	11⅞	11⅞
Sony	9⅞	9⅞
Sth Cal Edison	17⅞	17⅞
Southern Pac.	28⅞	29¼
Southern Rly.	48⅞	47⅞
Sperry Rand	34½	34⅞
Squibb	38⅞	38⅞
Std. Brands	62	62⅞
Std. Oil Cal.	23⅞	24
Std. Oil Ind.	39¼	39¼
Std. Oil Ohio	57⅞	57⅞
Sterling Drug	19¾	20⅞
Stevens J.P.	11⅞	11⅞
Stude Worth	25¾	26
Sunbeam Cp.	17⅞	17⅞
Sundstrand	20	19½
Sun Oil	32¾	33
Teledyne	11⅛	11⅛
Tenneco	22¼	22⅞
Texaco	24	24⅞
Texas East Trans	27½	28¼
Texas Inst	92	91⅞•
Texas Utilities	19⅞	20
Textron	20	20¼
T.W.A.	10⅞	10½
Travelers Gp.	22⅞	22⅞
T.R.W. Inc.	17⅞	17⅞
U.A.L. Inc.	20¾	19⅞
Unilever Ltd.	31¼	31¼
Unilever N.V.	44¼	44¼
Uniamerica	2	2⅞
Union Bancorp	8⅞	8¼
Union Carb.	56	56
Un. Oil Cal.	37¼	37¼
Un. Pacific Corp.	69⅞	69½
Uniroyal	8⅞	8⅞
United Aircraft	38⅞	40
United Brands	6¼	6¼
Utd Merch & Man	13⅞	13¼
U.S. Industries	4⅛	4⅛
U.S. Steel	57⅞	57¼
Wachovia	15¾	16
Warner Comm	12⅛	12⅞
Warner Lambert	30⅞	31⅞
Wells Fargo	16	15¾
West'n Bancorp	23¼	22⅞
Westghs El.	14⅞	14⅞
Weyerhaeuser	33½	33½
Whirlpool	23¼	23½
White Motor	8⅛	8⅞
Woolworth	13⅞	13¼
Xerox Cp.	68⅛	70⅞
Zenith	17⅞	17⅞

Canadian Prices

	Apr 1	Mar 31
Abitibi	5¼	9¼
Alcan	20⅞	20⅞
Alg. Steel	26¼	27¼
Asbestos	15⅞a	16¼h
Bell Tel.	47⅛	47⅛
Can. Sup. Oil	32¼	33⅞
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.35	4.65
Cominco	28⅞	28⅞
Cons. Bat.	23¼	23¼
Distiller	38⅞	38⅛
Falconbridge	31⅞	32
Gulf Oil	30	29⅞
Hawker Can.	5.00	4.95
Hud. Bay Min	17½	18
Hud. Bay Oil	23⅞	23½
I.A.C. Ltd.	18½	18¼
Imasco	29½	29¼
Imp Oil	23⅞	23
Int. Pipe	13	13
Mass.-Fergsn.	15⅞	15⅞
Power Cp.	9½	9⅞
Price Bros.	14⅞	13⅞h
Royal Trust	23½b	22½
Steel Co.	27⅞	27⅞
Tex. Can.	31	31½
Trans Mnt. Oil	11	11
Walker H.	38½	38⅞
W.C.T.	21¼	21⅞h

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3075 ($2.4095); three months, $2.3765 ($2.3790); Canadian dollar, 99.77c (99.77c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index off 0.56 to 312.46. The futures index was 290.42.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 760.56 (761.58); transportation, 163.64 (163.39); utilities, 76.59 (76.21); 65 stocks, 237.94 (237.81).

New York Stock Exchange index, 43.72 (43.64): industrials, 48.09 (48.24); transportation, 31.15 (31.13); utilities, 30.25 (30.22); financial, 46.54 (46.79).

US gold futures again close lower

New York, April 2.—GOLD futures closed lower in quiet trading. The Chicago IMM ended unchanged to $2 lower, while the New York Comex finished 90c to $1 easier. The April contract fell 90c to $175.00 on the Comex, and closed unchanged at a nominal $177.00 on the IMM. Comex volume was 819 contracts, against 718 yesterday. IMM volume was estimated at 699 contracts. NY COMEX.—April, $175.80; May, $176.90; June, $178.10; Aug, $180.50; Oct, $182.90; Dec, $185.40; Feb, $187.90; April, $190.40; June, $192.90; Aug, $195.40. CHICAGO IMM.—April, $177.00 nominal; June, $177.90-177.70; Sept, $181.30; Dec, $185.30; March, $189.50; June, $194.00.

SILVER.—Tired Commission House liquidation and other disappointed selling weakened Comex silver futures in the late afternoon, and values closed 8.00 to 7.40 cents lower, a shade up from the day's lows. Volume was 5,843 lots with switching almost half of the total. April, 419.00c; May, 421.00c; June, 425.90c; July, 426.80c; Sept, 432.50c; Dec, 441.20c; Jan, 443.70c; March, 449.30c; May, 454.80c; July, 460.20c. Handy & Harman, 423.40c (previous 427.50c). Handy & Harman of Canada, $Can4.240 (previous $Can 4.291).

COPPER was steady over 512 sales. April, 61.90c; May, 62.40c; June, 62.90c; July, 63.50c; Sept, 64.60c; Dec, 66.30c; Jan, 66.80c; March, 67.80c; May, 68.80c.

WOOL futures closed 1.0 cent lower and CROSSBRED futures were tradeless. GREASE WOOL—Spot 106.0c nominal; May, 113.0-115.0c; July, 119.0-121.0c; Oct, 121.0-125.0c; Dec, 123.0-128.0c; March, 123.0-130.5c; May, 126.0-133.5c; July, 127.0-136.5c. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 64.0c nominal; May, 70.0-72.0c; July, 73.0-75.0c; Oct, 72.0-79.0c; Dec, 73.0-80.0c; March, 74.0-80.0c; May, 74.0-80.0c; July, 74.0c bid.

COFFEE futures slumped sharply on general selling near the close. July traded at the two-cent limit down, before coming back slightly. The official closing range was 1.62 to 1.96 cent down, with volume at 144 contracts. May, 49.40-.46c; July, 50.10-.21c; Sept, 52.00c; Nov, 52.00c bid; Dec, 52.30c bid; March, 53.00c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—May, 591-590c; July, 589-588½c; Aug, 589c; Sept, 580½-580c; Nov, 575-576½c; Nov, 575-576½c; Jan, 579-580c; March, 586½c.

SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 29.25c asked; July, 27.93c asked; Aug, 27.02c asked; Sept, 26.07c asked; Oct, 25.00c asked; Dec, 24.00-23.95c; Jan, 23.45c; March, 23.05c.

SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $123.00-50; July, $127.00-50; Aug, $129.50 bid; Sept, $132.50 bid; Oct, $134.50 bid; Dec, $138.30; Jan, $140.50; March, $143.00 bid.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed firm two to one higher. May, 385-385½c; July, 370-371c; Sept, 377c; Dec, 386½c; March, 390-391c. MAIZE closed easier 3½ to three lower. May, 299½-300½c; July, 298½-298c; Sept, 286-286½c; Dec, 271-271½c; March, 276-276½c; May, 280. OATS closed easier two to ½ lower. May, 155½c; July, 150½c; Sept, 146½c; Dec, 150c.

COCOA futures closed very steady on Commission House short-covering and buy stop activity, reflecting premature concern over a tightness in supplies for the May contract, due to a congestion in the Nigerian port of Lagos. May, 62.40c; July, 59.35c; Sept, 58.00c; Dec, 56.95c; Mar, 56.00c; May, 55.68c. Spots: Ghana 81; Bahia 70.

World SUGAR futures closed easy on disappointed selling after the market failed to follow through during an early advance prompted by reports (later confirmed) that the EEC had purchased 79,000 tonnes of sugar at today's tender. The quantity purchased was larger than the market expected. Final prices ranged 0.68 to 0.55 cent lower on 3,870 sales. Spot 24.75c; May, 24.45-.55c; July, 23.40-.20c; Sept, 22.15-.30c; Oct, 21.50-.10c; March, 19.30-.10c; May, 18.55c; July, 18.05c.

COTTON futures closed about 0.40 to 0.50 cent higher on new buying by Commission Houses. May, 43.64-.65c; July, 44.30-.38c; Oct, 45.85c bid; Dec, 46.60-.62c; March, 47.35c bid; May, 47.80c bid; July, 48.40c bid.

Second half drop jolts Rotaflex profit

Contrary to half-time expectations the 1974 profits of Rotaflex (Great Britain) show a 22¾ per cent downturn. In spite of an expansion in turnover from £10.13m to £11.18m, taxable profits fell from £1m to £791,000—the second half showing a fall of 42 per cent from £544,000 to £315,000.

The total dividend is to be 1.08p against equal to 1.04p and following the streamlining of the group organization the chairman says efficiency has improved and the group has reduced its break-even point.

Sketchley rights oversubscribed

Provisional indications are that Sketchley's £725,000 rights issue last month has been oversubscribed. Applications for additional shares have been received in excess of the total number (1.02m in each class) of ordinary and "A" ordinary offered. A further statement will be made tomorrow on details of acceptances and basis of allotment. Warburgs were the underwriters and L. Messel the brokers.

Meanwhile the enfranchisement proposals for the "A" were adopted yesterday. Fully-paid renounceable allotment letters for 255,000 ordinary allotted following the enfranchisement have been posted.

Production cutback dents Carron

Slightly ahead at halfway, profits of Carron Co (Holdings) were severely eroded in the second leg after a reduction in production and consequent losses. The outcome is that profits are more than halved at £602,000 pre-tax for 1974 against £1.77m. Earnings per share dropped in turn from an adjusted 11.15p to 4.34p, while the dividend is effectively unchanged at 5.24p. Turnover was up from £16.34m to £17.37m.

Mr H. C. Wilson Bennetts, chairman, explains that "a very substantial fall" in housing starts necessitated the production cutback in the second-half. But since early 1975 there has been some improvement.

Higher Biddle payout

Shares of Biddle Holdings, heating, air conditioning and lift manufacturers, dipped on news that taxable profits for 1974 had dropped from a record £697,000 to £460,000 on turnover up from £7.08m to £8m. Earnings a share are off from 8.1p to 6p, but the dividend is raised from 7.32p to 7.45p.

Startrite going strong

Advancing 50 per cent to £173,000 pre-tax in the six months to December 31, Startrite Engineering Group forecasts a "significant" increase full-time (against £257,000) in spite of a fall-off in demand. The interim dividend is raisc from 1.25p to 1.41p.

Liquidity is much improved, while medium-term sterling finance has been arranged with First National City Bank.

Heal & Son tumbles

In two years taxable profits of Heal & Son Holdings, the Tottenham Court Road furnishing group, have fallen from a record £616,000 to the £292,000 now returned for 1974. This goes against £552,000 for 1973. Although the dividend is being increased from 24p net to (from 35.8p gross to 40p) shares fell £1 to £13 yester

French backing for Lead Inds

Talks are on between I Industries and Imetal, a Fr company whose operations in the non-ferrous metal f to explore "possible dev ment of areas of mutual terest". Imetal has, meanw taken a 9.9 per cent stak Lead Industries but says th has no intention of acquiri controlling interest.

ENGLISH PROPERTY

Trizec Corporation, a subs of English Prop, is selling 5 cent interest in Calgary office development in Calgai German banking consortium. plex completed in 1969, at c £8.33m.

GILTSPUR

For £325,000 cash, compar acquired Los Angeles Exhibi vice of California as further in its overseas expansion gramme.

INTERIM STATEMENT

BURNS-ANDERSON

The Industrial and Property Group

Directors of Burns-Anderson Limited, the Industrial and property development group, announce unaudited results as follows:

Half-Year to 31st December	1974 £	1973 £
Turnover	5,575,552	4,737,396
Group Profit before Taxation	224,800	319,859
Taxation	111,200	155,898
Profit attributable to shareholders	113,600	163,961
Interim Dividend (net)		
Amount	17,270	17,270
Rate	3.15%	3.15%

Payable 21st May 1975

Burns-Anderson Ltd., Rowsley Grove, Reddish, Stockpon

Mather+Platt

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THE YEAR IN BRIEF

Year to 31st December	1974 £	1973 £
Aggregate Turnover	87,498,070	66,793,819
Profit before Interest	5,383,270	4,128,204
Interest	1,826,157	1,338,123
Group Trading Profit	3,557,113	2,790,081
Taxation	1,552,011	1,395,958
Profit after Taxation	2,005,102	1,394,123
Exceptional surpluses less estimated Taxation	353,061	4,370,700
Total	2,358,163	5,764,823
Earnings per share	7.7p	5.4p

TURNOVER AND PROFITS

Mather & Platt were able to achieve an increase in turnover and profits which was comfortably ahead of inflation, although they were slightly below budget due mainly to the three-day week. As in the previous year overseas subsidiaries contributed approximately three-quarters of the Group trading profit, but the improvement was evenly spread and all Divisions at home showed better results.

ORDINARY DIVIDEND

Recommended that a Final Ordinary Dividend of 1.75 pence per share be paid on 12th May 1975 making with the Interim Dividend already paid 2.5 pence per share compared with 2.352 pence per share last year.

THE FUTURE

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DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

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An achievement to be proud of

Sir Jack Callard on ICI's 1974 results



Addressing stockholders at the 48th Annual General Meeting of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, held in London on April 2nd, the Chairman, Sir Jack Callard, said:

'1974 was another record year, with total sales up by 36 per cent to almost £3,000 million and profit before taxation and grants up by 46 per cent to £455 million. I believe that this achievement, in a year when there was no shortage of troubles and difficulties for industry generally, is something we can all be proud of.'

Profits and Inflation

'Many of the figures I quote today will be in millions of pounds, and I realise that it is not always easy to grasp figures of this magnitude and see them in perspective. Pre-tax profit of £455 million is a very large sum, but it has to be seen against the needs of this very large business, in which the cost of new plants and plant improvements will amount to about £1 million every day this year; and it has to be seen against the very high level of taxation and the very high capital employed.'

'We must also allow for the serious effect of inflation. A set of supplementary statements in the Report based on the purchasing power of the pound at 31st December 1974 shows, among other things, that pre-tax profit becomes £332 million instead of £455 million when the distorting effect of inflation is eliminated.'

'We have also shown, in a very simple way, what happened to every pound of profit earned in 1974. You will see from this that after paying 42 pence in tax, 4 pence to business partners in joint companies and 12 pence in dividends, the remaining 42 pence in every pound went back into the business.
The total Group taxation, less grants, amounted to £187 million and the amount due to the United Kingdom Government was alone enough to provide 30 per cent of the capital cost of the total school building programme, or about one-third of the capital costs of the hospital building programme over the next twelve months.'

'I have spelt this out because the role of profits in creating benefits for all is still widely misunderstood, and only if we earn *after taxation* a reasonable level of profit for reinvestment can we continue to make headway in this highly competitive and inflationary world, and thus continue to serve the hundreds of thousands of people with a stake in ICI: stockholders and employees, pensioners, customers, suppliers, and indeed the public at large, whose welfare depends in no small measure on the taxes paid by industry and the ability of industry to sell in overseas markets.'

ICI Increasingly International

'For the first time, the Report discusses each group of products on a worldwide basis, and this underlines the increasingly international nature of ICI and its activities. In 1974, just over 40 per cent of our sales were in the United Kingdom, while just on 20 per cent were in exports from the United Kingdom and the remaining 40 per cent arose from manufacture overseas. I have often spoken of the advantages we get from our wide spread of business, and they were never more evident than in 1974. Many markets overseas were growing very much faster than the home market, and price controls at home restricted our ability to recover cost increases. While we understand the reason for price restraint, there is no doubt that it has penalised the British chemical industry severely at a time when world chemical prices were, and still are in a number of cases, substantially higher than those in the United Kingdom. Our international competitors have been able to obtain higher prices for many months in their own home markets, and hence will have benefited from better cash flow to help future investment and to tide them over the difficult months ahead.'

'With a 58 per cent rise in exports, we became the country's largest exporter and we made a positive contribution of £280 million towards the balance of payments. This achievement called for great effort and enterprise on the part of ICI's United Kingdom manufacturing Divisions and subsidiaries, but it would certainly not have been possible without the strong position in overseas markets that comes from having established ourselves, with local manufacture, as a permanent and dependable part of the local scene.'

'This is what we have done throughout the world – in the Americas, in Australasia, in Asia, in the Far East, and nowhere more so than in continental Western Europe, where we had an extremely successful year. For more than a decade we have been building up our manufacturing operations there, and at the same time we have been establishing local selling organisations which now employ 2,600 people resident in fifteen countries. In 1974, sales increased by 55 per cent, and these included a 56 per cent rise in exports from the United Kingdom. Particularly striking was the fact that exports to our fellow members of the Common Market, the "Eight", were up by 62 per cent and accounted for nearly a third of all our shipments from the United Kingdom. To put it another way, over 10 per cent in value of all ICI's United Kingdom output went to the "Eight", and we estimate that this was equivalent to the work of nearly 14,000 of our United Kingdom employees. It is also important to note that ICI's exports to the "Eight" exceeded its imports by £95 million. Our experience supports the view, which we have constantly expressed, that membership of the European Economic Community is advantageous to the Company, to all employed in it, to those who invest in it, to so many who buy from it;—in effect to all of us.'

Liquidity and Capital Expenditure

'Profit before taxation and grants, as I said, was £455 million. The charge for taxation increased because of the higher profits and the higher rate of United Kingdom Corporation Tax. After allowing for this and for amounts applicable to minorities and preference dividends, we were left with £243 million profit – £60 million more than in 1973. Payment of the dividends requires £54 million, leaving £189 million profit to be retained in the business.'

'The good profit figures enabled the Group to end the year with its liquid resources unimpaired at about £200 million, despite a much higher level of fixed capital expenditure and the considerable extra sums we needed during 1974 to finance higher-cost working capital. As I shall mention in a moment, this good liquid position has important implications for our capital programme, but once again I must point out the damage done by inflation. You will notice that in our inflation-adjusted accounts, the figure retained becomes £102 million instead of £189 million. This does not mean that there is so much less cash available to the business; what it does demonstrate quite clearly is that we need a large part of our "conventional" profit merely to stand still in terms of today's pounds; and the amount left over for actual expansion of the business is much smaller that the "conventional" figures show.'

'New fixed capital projects sanctioned in 1974 totalled more than £360 million, and, in addition, approval was given to the expenditure over the next few years of about £200 million as the Group's share of the capital cost of facilities for the Ninian Oilfield in the North Sea.'

'A capital investment programme must not be decided on short-term considerations, and our aim is to maintain a steady level of investment despite ups and downs in the economic cycle: we must be ready to meet demand throughout the world when industrial activity turns up again. This is why we plan to sanction more than £400 million worth of capital projects during 1975. Well over half of this new investment will be in the United Kingdom, and more than two-thirds of that sum is intended for Development Areas. Total expenditure resulting from this programme is expected to be £350 million and, in addition, we shall probably require up to £150 million for extra working capital.'

'Whilst we start from a very strong liquid position, the programme is still a very large one. We shall implement it, as the year proceeds, stage by stage and with careful regard to constantly up-dated forecasts of available cash flow. We believe the demand for our products will grow—and without demand for the products no programme for expansion of production can succeed. Although improved technology means that every new plant tends to be more efficient than its predecessor, technology cannot improve anything like fast enough to outweigh the present very high rate of inflation. I have spoken of inflation several times, and it is obviously one factor to be considered very seriously when looking at our prospects.'

The Group in 1974
(1973 figures in brackets)

	£ million	
Sales to customers in the UK	1,199	(942)
Sales to customers outside the UK	1,756	(1,224)
Exports from the UK (f.o.b. value)	636	(403)
Profit before tax	455	(311)
Assets employed	2,412	(2,143)
Capital expenditure	199	(120)

The Industry Bill

'Some of you no doubt expect me to say something about the Industry Bill which is now before Parliament, and which will set up new machinery for further Government intervention in industry. I regret that it contains some provisions which could prove damaging to British industry.'

'The provisions that cause the greatest concern are parts of the disclosure of information clauses. I can well understand the wish to increase the flow of information from companies generally to Government and to employees. Over the years, ICI has developed a good system of regular discussions with Government, for example on the capital programme; and we have developed with our employees good consultation procedures. We are all in favour of improving such arrangements, and we are continually doing so. But some of the information that may have to be disclosed under the proposed legislation is commercially very valuable and, therefore, highly confidential. Overseas competitors would give their back teeth to get it, as we would to get theirs. It is very much in the interests of us all – stockholders, employees and the Government – that commercially valuable information should not be put at risk.
The confidentiality provisions of the Bill need substantial reinforcement if the international competitiveness of British industry is not to be seriously damaged. How can a British company be expected to operate successfully in international markets with overseas competitors knowing our future intentions but not disclosing theirs?'

'The Government has said it is prepared to consider reasonable amendments to the Bill and we now look for evidence that it is. The responsible amendments that industry is proposing will enable commercially valuable information to be safeguarded but still allow the Government and employees to have the information they need.'

'There are other provisions in the Bill which give cause for concern. One example is the wide powers to be conferred on the National Enterprise Board and the Secretary of State, without the degree of Parliamentary control that many people feel is essential; another is the fact that the provisions for disclosure of information allow for one-way traffic only – there is no provision for the Government to give companies the information they need for planning purposes.'

Prospects for 1975

'During the first three months of this year, sales volume in the United Kingdom has varied considerably between groups of products. Some of our customers are having to accept short-time working and some redundancies. For us, this situation is reflected most noticeably in reduced sales of fibres and plastics, which in turn affect the output of intermediates derived from our petrochemical activities on which they are based, and on dyestuffs which are consumed by the textile industry. Reductions in stocks held by consumer industries explain this in part, but how far this is the explanation we do not yet know. By contrast, our agricultural, explosives and pharmaceutical businesses continue to trade at satisfactory levels.

Sales overseas, both of exports from this country and of locally-manufactured products, are suffering from a reduction in demand and the pressure on prices which weakening demand induces.

The effect on Group profits for 1975 is difficult to predict because of the many external factors which may influence demand, but although we are cushioned by our wide spread of products and the geographical spread of our sales and manufacture, we cannot escape the effect of a downturn in the volume of world trade. In addition, there is little evidence that cost inflation in the United Kingdom has been brought under control and so long as inflation in this country remains higher than in other countries, such as Germany and the United States of America, our competitive position is bound to suffer. We hope that trading prospects will improve as the year proceeds, but it is unlikely that profit in 1975 will be maintained at the same level as in 1974.'

Directorate

'At the conclusion of this Meeting, we shall be losing the services of three non-executive Directors – Lord Boyd, Sir Stephen Burman and Sir Archibald Glenn. They have all contributed much to the Company and I draw your attention to the tribute to them in our Annual Report: we shall indeed be sorry to lose them.'

'I myself will also be retiring at the conclusion of the Meeting, and the Board have elected Mr. Rowland Wright to succeed me. I know that I leave the chairmanship in excellent hands and the Company with great strength and in good heart.'

Tribute to Employees

'I believe that the achievements of ICI are worthy, worthwhile and contribute greatly to the welfare of millions of people in many countries, and most of all to the people of this country. If I am right in that, our achievements are due to the loyalty and hard work of those who manage and those they manage, both in this country and in all others where we operate. I do most sincerely ask you to join me in thanking them all for their achievements in 1974'.

Imperial Chemical Industries Limited

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

Cocoa rises by £13 a tonne

COCOA.—Futures firmed up to new "highs" for the day in late session yesterday. Nearby positions were in particular demand on trade-buying and shortcovering, *reflecting feelings in some quarters* that nearby may heighten its premium over the rest of the market due to the possible deficiency of deliverable supplies when the position becomes tenderable next month.

Most positions closed at about the "highs" with a very steady tone. Prices finished £4.50 to £13.00 a tonne higher on balance.

May, £637.0-7.5 a metric ton; July, £605.0-5.5; Sept, £582.0-3.0; New Dec, £589.0-9.5; March, £583.5-4.0; May, £581.0-2.0; July, £580.5-78.0; sales: 3,551 lots, including four options. ICO prices: daily, 61.15c, 15-day average, 62.34c, 22-day, 62.69c (United States cents per lb).

COPPER.—Wire bars closed barely steady: cathodes were *inactive.*—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £582-83.00 a metric ton; three months, £601.00-1.50. Sales, 5,250 tons. Cash cathodes, £570-72.00; three months, £589-90.00. Sales, 1,000 tons (all carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £586-87.00; three months, £605.50-6.50. Settlement, £587.00. Sales, 2,925 tons. Cash cathodes, £574-74.50; three months, £594-95.00. Settlement, *£574.50. Sales, 325 tons.*

SILVER was steady at the lower level.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 179.80p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 433.4); three months, 184.60p (439.4c); six months, 189.90p (446.5); one-year, 201.0p (460.8c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 177.2-177.4p; three months, 182.1-82.2p; seven months, 188.5-89.5p. Sales, 46 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 179.6-180.0p; three months, 184.5-84.6p; seven months, 191.0-191.5p. Settlement, 180.0p. Sales, 111 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was quiet; high-grade metal was inactive.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,045-50 a metric ton; three months £3,069-70. Sales, 240 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,045-50; three months, £3,070-75. Sales, 5 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,055-65; three months, £3,071-73. Settlement, £3,065. Sales 485 tons. High grade, cash, £3,055-65; three months, £3,075-80. Settlement, £3,055. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works $M955½ a picul.

LEAD closed easier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £217.50-18.00 a metric ton; three months, £215.50-16.00. Sales, 1,425 tons. Morning.—Cash, £219.50-19.75; three months, £216-16.50. Settlement, £219.75. Sales 2,550 tons.

ZINC was quiet.—Afternoon—Cash, £329-29.50 a metric ton; three months, £330-30.00. *Sales, 1,150 tons.* Morning.—Cash, £329.50-30.00; three months, £329.50-30.00. Settlement, £330.00. Sales, 2,600 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by 80p yesterday to £65.25-£65.25 ($152.50-$157.50) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade April-May, £244.00; Bangladesh white "D" grade April-May £234.00 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian April-May Rs435; Dundee Daisee, April-May, Rs385 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures closed steady.—May, 156.5-58.5p per kilo; July, 157.5-61.0p; Oct, 163.5-66.0p; Dec, 166.0-69.0p; March, 170.0-73.0p; May, 171.0-74.0p; July 172.0-75.0p; Oct, 172.0-78.0p. Sales: nil.

RUBBER closed slightly steadier.—May, 27.10-27.85p per kilo; June, 27.00-28.00p; July-Sept, 28.15-28.25p; Oct-Dec, 29.55-29.65p; Jan-March, 30.65-30.70p; April-June 31.45-31.50p; July-Sept, 31.95-32.00p; Oct-Dec, 32.20-32.40p; Jan-March, 32.70-33.25p. Sales: 206 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot: 26.00-27.50p. Cif's: May, 26.15-26.25p; June, 26.70-27.00p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 36.0-38.0p per lb; Eire hindquarters, 34.0-37.0p; Eire forequarters, 26.0-28.0p.

VEAL: English fats, 34.0-40.0p; *English fats, 42.5p; English hobbies, 10.0-14.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 60.0-65.0p.

LAMB: English small, New Season, 44.0-52.0p; English medium, New Season, 46.0-50.0p; English heavy, New Season, 44.0-48.0p.

Imported frozen: NZ D's, 30.0-31.0p; NZ 2's, 29.0-30.0p; NZ 8's, 28.0-28.5p; NZ YLs, 29.5-31.0p.

HOGGETS: English, 28.0-32.0p; *Scotch, 28.0-38.0p;* *Scotch, 40.0p.

EWES: 12.0-13.0p.

PORK: English, under 100lb, 26.0-33.0p; 100-120lb, 26.0-32.0p; 120-160lb, 26.0-31.0p; 160-180lb, 26.0-28.0p; 180lb and over, 22.0-26.0p.

* Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures softened further yesterday afternoon in sympathy with the opening of the United States market. But values steadied finally on moderate shortcovering to finish slightly above the "lows" at £3.0 to £4.5 down on balance.

ROBUSTA.—May, £431.0-1.5 a metric ton; July, £423.5-4.0; Sept, £423.0-23.5; Nov, £424.0-4.5; Jan, £425.0-5.5; March, £426.0-7.0; May, £426.5-30.0. Sales, 323 lots, including seven options.

ARABICA were quiet.—April, $54.20-55.50 per 50 kilos; June, $57.00-57.20; Aug, $59.20-59.30; Oct, $59.70-59.80; Dec, $60.00-60.50; Feb, $60.40-60.90; April, $61.00-62.40. Sales, eight lots.

SUGAR moved higher in early afternoon dealings yesterday, reflecting unconfirmed market reports that Morocco was holding a buying tender yesterday for a cargo of prompt-shipment bagged raws.

Prices reacted slightly when early New York advices did not match gains recorded in London, but the market steadied again when rumours circulated of EEC purchases totalling 39,000 tonnes at yesterday's tender.

The close was barely steady under profit-taking and values finished £2.50 to £5.25 higher on balance in sales of 2,935 lots.

The London daily price was unchanged at £240 a long ton yesterday. May, £247.00-48.50 a long ton; Aug, £235.50-36.50; Oct, £219.00-20.00; Dec, £207.50-08.00; March, £199.50-200.00; May, £195.00-96.00; Aug, £191.00-93.00. Sales: 2,935 lots. ISA prices (for March 31), daily, 24.75c; 17-day average, 26.18c. ISA prices (for April 1), daily, 24.78c, 17-day average, 26.02c.

MARK LANE.—The turn of the market continued steady in moderate trading activity yesterday. Milling wheat traded to the London area at £55 for May delivery, while Liverpool paid £54.50 for May and £56 per long ton for June deliveries. Denaturable wheat *business included April deliveries to* East Anglia at £49.50, scaling up to £51 for similar deliveries into Liverpool. The following are average sellers' quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery, London area. Wheat milling April £52; May-July, £53. Denaturable quality, April-June, £50. Barley feed, unquoted.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—U.S. dark northern spring number two 14% April, £84.70; May, £82.95; June, £81.30; trans-shipment east coast. MAIZE.—No. 3 yellow American—French April, £51.25; May, £52.50; June, £53.50; trans-shipment east coast. BARLEY.—E.E.C. feed, April, £50; May, £49; June, £49.50; east coast. All a long ton. CIF UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY, old contract easier, new contract steady.—May, £48.30; Sept, £52.10; Nov, £54.05; Jan, £56.00; March, £58.00. WHEAT, old contract easier new contract steady.—*May, £49.30; Sept,* £54.60; Nov, £56.85; Jan, £58.95; March, £61.10. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Feeding BARLEY.—Banbury, £48.30; Chichester, £48.70; Ormskirk, £49.50. No prices quoted for wheat.

Foreign Exchange

After losing ground early on, still largely reflecting Vietnam worries, the dollar held relatively steady in quiet and narrowly mixed trading yesterday. It tended to gain ground against the European currencies in the afternoon.

The pound was a shade easier at times, making little response to the March reserve figures. It closed at $2.4085, unchanged on the day.

Gold closed at $177¼, 25 cents down on the day.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 2	Market rates (close) April 2
New York	$2.4070-4115	$2.4080-4090
Montreal	$2.4120-4160	$2.4130-4135
Amsterdam	5.77¾-79¾fl	5.75¾-76¾fl
Brussels	83.40-80f	83.50-70f
Copenhagen	13.09¼-13¼k	13.09¼-10¼k
Frankfurt	5.62-64¼m	5.63¼-64¼m
Lisbon	58.30-60e	58.40-65e
Madrid	134.80-135.20p	134.85-135.10p
Milan	1,518¼-20¼lr	1,518¼-19¼lr
Oslo	11.82¼-85¼k	11.83-83¾k
Paris	10.09¼-12¼f	10.11¼-12¼f
Stockholm	9.44-46¼k	9.44¼-95¼k
Tokyo	698-704y	700-02y
Vienna	39.80-40.10sch	39.90-40.10sch
Zurich	6.05-10f	6.09-10f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 unchanged at 21.3 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	0.82-0.82c prem	2.00-2.90c prem
Montreal	80-60c prem	3.15-3.65c prem
Amsterdam	2¼-1¼c prem	7¼-6¼c prem
Brussels	20c prem-par	70-50c prem
Copenhagen	1¼ ore prem-1¼ ore disc	5½-3½ ore prem
Frankfurt	3½-2¾pf prem	10-9pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-60c disc	90c prem-100c disc
Milan	2-3lr disc	3-8lr disc
Oslo	4¼-7¼ ore disc	5¼-8¼ ore disc
Paris	2c prem-par	5-3c prem
Stockholm	1¼-3¼ ore disc	1-4 ore disc
Vienna	30gro prem-par	75-35gro prem
Zurich	4.3c prem	11-10c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 99.9880-83.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¼-6¼; seven days, 5¾-6¼; one month, 5¾-6¼; three months, 6¾-7¼; six months, 7¼-8.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $177.65 (an ounce); pm, $177.25.

Krugerrand (per coin): $180½-183½ (£75-77). Sovereigns: (old), $55½-57 (£23-23¾); (new), $57½-59 (£[illegible]).

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 137.18 on April 1 against 131.49 a week earlier.

PHOENIX TIMBER

Group has decided to cease operation of its Belgian timber engineering subsidiary, Wardeco, NV, because of continuing losses.

BODDINGTONS BREWERIES

To comply with legislation, board has reduced final dividend from 1p to 0.905p a share.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Finance for Ind 13% Ln (£99½)	£29½
Lincoln Corp 13% 1980 (£97)	£32¼
Mid Kent Wtr 10% Rd Pf (·)	£104¼
Mid Southern Wtr 10% 1980 (·b)	£11¼
Southend 12% 1981 (£99½b)	£11¼
Sth Staffs Wtr 10% Rd Pf (·b)	£11½
Sutton Wtr 10% Rd Pf 1980 (·)	£10¾
Warwickshire 12½% 1980 (£99½a)	£11¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Barratt Dev (60)	Mar 23	22 prem
Bestobell (88)	May 9	40 prem-3
Eridon (85)	May 16	11 prem
Cons Gold Fields (355)	May 16	24 prem+6
EMI (80)	May 2	17 prem
General Mining (R32)		25 prem
Guardian Ryl (130)	May 2	13 prem-1
Macpherson, D (25)	May 16 5½	prem+1½
Midland Bank (185)	May 2	34 prem
RTZ (125)	May 2	126
Satchler Ord (33)	May 16	46
Do (·39)	May 16	46
Steetley (90)		2 prem
Unigate (39)	May 9	1 prem-½

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £65 paid. b £10 paid. c £50 paid. d £40 paid.

Discount market

Underlying factors indicated a very large surplus in the discount market yesterday. Nevertheless, money did not move all that freely and the Bank of England was not called upon to siphon off excess liquidity.

Rates were soon slipping away from the tentative 9¼ or 9½ per cent at the outset. By lunchtime, they had reached 8 per cent. During the afternoon they went on down to 5 per cent or 6 per cent at times, but the picture became patchy and there were other lenders who could not be shifted from 8 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10¼%
(Last changed 21/3/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10¼-10½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 9 Close 5
Week Fixed: 9-9¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅛	2 months	9¼
3 months	9⅞	3 months	9¾

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9⅞-9¾	3 months	11¼
3 months	9⅞-9¾	4 months	12
4 months	9⅞-9¾	6 months	12
6 months	10-9¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10¼	7 months	10¼-10¼
2 months	10¼-10¼	8 months	10¼-10¼
3 months	10¼-10¼	9 months	11¼-10¼
4 months	10¼-10¼	10 months	11¼-10¼
5 months	10¼-10¼	11 months	11¼-10¼
6 months	10¼-10¼	12 months	11¼-10¼

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	9¾-9⅞	6 months	10¼-10
3 months	9¹³⁄₁₆-9¾	12 months	10¼-10⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9¼	3 months	10¼
7 days	10	6 months	10½
1 month	10	1 year	11¼

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 5-9¼ Close 5-7

1 week	9-9¼	6 months	10¼-10¼
1 month	9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹⁵⁄₁₆	9 months	10¼-10⅛
3 months	10-9¾	12 months	10¼

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 10½ 6 months 10¼

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	10¼%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank ..	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
Shenley Trust ..	12%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 7½%, up to £25,000, 7¾%, over £25,000 8½%.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981 ..	103¾	104¾
Airlease 8¾ 1988 ..	87	90
Ashland 8 1987 ..	90¼	91¼
BICC 7¾ 1987 ..	68	72
Bristol 8¼ 1979 ..	91¾	93¼
British Steel Corp 8⅜ 1989 ..	86	89
Burlington 7¾ 1987 ..	89	90
Carrier 8 1987 ..	89¼	90¼
Chevron 7 1980 ..	99	99¼
Conoco 7 1980 ..	96¼	98
Conoco 8 1986 ..	95	96
Cons Food 7¾ 1991 ..	87¾	88¾
Coventry 8¾ 1981 ..	92¼	94¼
Coventry 8¼ 1980 ..	90	92
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988 ..	92¼	93¼
Curacao Tokyo 10¾ 1981 ..	103¼	104¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987 ..	90¼	91¼
Dana 8 1987 ..	90¼	91¼
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990 ..	85¾	86¾
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991 ..	82¼	83¼
Dundee 9¼ 1985 ..	93	95
Escom 9¼ 1989 ..	88¼	90¼
Escom Floating Rate 1983 ..	96¾	97¾
First Chicago 7 1980 ..	95	96
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984 ..	78	82
GATX 8¾ 1987 ..	89¼	90¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987 ..	76	79
Hambros 7¾ 1987 ..	76	79
ICI 7¾ 1992 ..	78	82
International Util 8¼ 1982 ..	94¾	95¾
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988 ..	76	79
Manchester 8¼ 1981 ..	87¾	89¼
Mexico 8¾ 1991 ..	84	87
Michelin 7¾ 1988 ..	84¼	88¼
Mitsubishi 7¾ 1989 ..	93¼	95¼
Motorola 8 1987 ..	92¼	93¼
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987 ..	76	80
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988 ..	86	89
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980 ..	102¼	103¼
N. A. Rockwell 8¼ 1987 ..	89	90
Occidental 7¾ 1984 ..	79	81
Pacific Lighting 8 1988 ..	90¼	91¼
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981 ..	102¾	103¾
Pennwalt 8 1987 ..	90	91
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987 ..	92¾	93¾
Scanraff 7¾ 1990 ..	89	90
Scanraff 8¾ 1988 ..	95	96
Shell 7¾ 1987 ..	92¾	93¾
Singer 11 1977 ..	101	102
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981 ..	104¼	105¼
Slough 8 1988 ..	61	65
South Africa 8 1987 ..	81	88
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980 ..	101¾	102¾
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988 ..	98	99
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988 ..	98¼	99¼
Sybron 8 1987 ..	90	91
Tenneco 7¾ 1987 ..	84¼	85¼
Textron 7¾ 1987 ..	85	86
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987 ..	92¼	93¼
Transocean Gulf 7 1980 ..	96¼	98
Union Oil 7¾ 1987 ..	92¼	93¼
Venezuela 8¼ 1987 ..	95	98
Volvo 8 1987 ..	87¾	90¼
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987 ..	82	86

DM BONDS	Bid	Offer
APEL (DM) 10 1981 ..	103	104
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/85 ..	78	79
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84 ..	79¼	80¼
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989 ..	99	100
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88 ..	73½	74½
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87 ..	87¼	88¼
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86 ..	87	88
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980 ..	102¾	103¾
Nat West (DM) 8 1988 ..	87¾	88¾
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982 ..	103¾	104¾
Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85 ..	91¾	92¾
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988 ..	89	90

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987 ..	59	61
Amer Express 4¼ 1987 ..	79	81
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992 ..	87	89
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991 ..	102	104
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1993 ..	91¼	93¼
Borden 5 1992 ..	87	89
Borden 6¾ 1991 ..	98	100
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987 ..	72	74
Carnation 4 1987 ..	83	85
Chevron 5 1992 ..	87	89
Cummins 6¾ 1986 ..	83	85
Dart 4¾ 1987 ..	76	78
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988 ..	103	105
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987 ..	80	82
Eaton 5 1987 ..	73	75
Ford 5 1988 ..	69	71
Ford 6 1986 ..	79	81
Gillette 4¾ 1987 ..	77	79
Gould 5 1987 ..	73	75
General Electric 4¼ 1987 ..	84	86
Halliburton 4¼ 1987 ..	109	111
Harris 5 1987 ..	64	66
Honeywell 6 1986 ..	80	82
ITT 4¼ 1987 ..	69	71
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987 ..	111	113
JP Morgan 4¾ 1987 ..	108	110
Nabisco 5¾ 1988 ..	87¼	89¼
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987 ..	85	80
JC Penney 4¾ 1987 ..	80	82
Revlon 4¾ 1987 ..	92	94
Rank Org 4¾ 1995 ..	48	50
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988 ..	82	84
Squibb 4¾ 1987 ..	86	88
Texaco 4¾ 1988 ..	72	74
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982 ..	100	102
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987 ..	92	94
Xerox Corp 5 1988 ..	72	74

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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● Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. ♦ Ex all. ¢ Dealings suspended. ■ Subdivided. £ Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (7) April 15. (8) April 9. (9) April 9. (10) April 30. (12) May 1. (13) April 9. (16) April 15. (18) May 13. (19) April 24. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

AC CARS LTD.

Points from the Chairman's Statement

The consolidated profit, before tax, in the financial year ended 30th September 1974, was £123,291, compared with £168,965 for the previous year. These figures were achieved during a most difficult year. Although, with the cooperation of all employees, a five-day week was maintained during the disruptions of early 1974, there followed a period of increasing difficulties in obtaining deliveries from suppliers.

Profit in the second half was eroded by inflation, involving additional costs, not recoverable, on Government contracts. Most recent contracts have been negotiated on terms providing for additional payments to recoup variations in material and labour costs. During the past year the extension of the East Molesey Factory was completed.

The Directors are recommending a final dividend for the year of 0.6p per share, making, with the interim dividend of 0.28p per share, a total for the year of 0.88p, equivalent to 1.313p gross. Earnings per share are 2.6p compared with 4.6p for the previous year.

The future must be influenced by the ability of *Employees, Management and* Government to reduce inflation. The proposed Industry Bill will not help the situation, and along with penal taxation can only serve to stifle investment and drive expertise abroad.

HARMONY GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DIVIDEND NO. 38

Further to the notice advertised in the press on 14th March 1975, the conversion rate applicable to payments in United Kingdom currency in respect of Dividend No. 38 is £1 = R1.614815 equivalent to 26.00917p per share.

The effective rate of South African Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax is 15 per cent.

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1st April 1975

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	42	—	3.0	7.1	4.7
117	90	Henry Sykes	117	—	4.9	4.2	7.5
61	29	Twinlock Ord	34	—	0.8	2.5	7.9
60	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	60	—	12.0	20.0	—

COMPANY MEETING

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CO. LTD.

Extracts from the statement issued by the chairman, Mr J. F. Jefferson, with the hundred and ninth annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1974.

INVESTMENTS

The years 1973 and 1974 will always be remembered in financial circles for the collapse of Stock Exchange prices coupled with raging inflation. At the beginning of 1974 the *FT* Ordinary Share Index stood at 344.0 and at the end of the year at 161.4, a fall of 53 per cent in one year. Over the two years from January 1973 the fall has been an astonishing 68 per cent. Nothing like this has *been seen in this century.* The effect of these falls on our life policyholders' funds imposed considerable strain and the extremely strong bases of our actuarial valuations previously used have had to be slightly modified in order to provide specific contingency reserves against these falls which we hope were a temporary freak. In fact, at the time of writing, market prices have already recovered sufficiently to free these reserves. They remain as a shield against any further relapse.

Inflation, reflected as it is in our expenses, imposes another problem for a life office with long term contracts at fixed premiums and it is to growth of investment income to which we must look to protect our policyholders' contracts. From our existing portfolio, income growth can only come in the main from equity shares and while dividend increases are limited to 12½ per cent per annum, it is clear for all to see that dividend growth is not keeping pace with the rate of inflation. Even the rates at which we can invest our new money in fixed interest securities fall below what is required to sustain investment income in real terms.

Against this background 1974 was a particularly difficult year for investors. However, as long term investors the picture is not as bad as it looks. Policyholders' premiums have been entrusted to us to invest on their behalf and we must therefore always be investors year in year out. It can be less dangerous for a long term fund to have made an investment at a price which subsequently falls but which satisfied one's criteria of security and yield at the time of purchase, than to be caught out uninvested when markets turn upwards. In the first case you can wait for recovery while still receiving the expected income, in the second you may have to buy in a rising market and end up *having to accept a lower yield.*

During the year life funds invested £1 million in British Government securities, £4.6 million in other fixed interest securities and £5.4 million in ordinary stocks and shares. In addition we advanced £7.6 million under our house purchase scheme. Repayments of mortgages during the year were £3.8 million leaving £57.5 million mortgages helping 21,000 policyholders to purchase their homes.

Looking to the future we hope that we shall be able to help the financing of British industry through taking up rights issues of equity shares, as we regard it as most important that industry should be financed upon a sound equity base. *Much of the criticism being* bandied about of industry's failure to invest fails to recognize that investment for growth can come only from retained profits or from an uninhibited market which can provide risk capital. No business can risk financing expansion and development on money borrowed at fixed rates of interest showing, in many cases, a negative return. If it does, and inflation remains unchecked, there is only one ultimate end—bankruptcy.

LIFE BUSINESS

The industrial branch progress in the year showed a very satisfactory rate of improvement and the premium income increased by over £3 million to £27.6 million, but the expense of running this branch of business increased from 38 per cent of the premium income to 39.56 per cent. In the ordinary branch the premium income topped the £10 million mark for the first time but the actual increase in premium income at £528,000 was slightly down on 1973. In this branch the expenses rose from 18 per cent to 19.39 per cent of the premium income.

The combined life funds increased by £17.7 million to £ million. The total business in force was 246,000 policies in the ordinary branch assuring with bonuses £326 million and £ million immediate and deferred annuities. In the industrial branch there was 4,432,000 policies in force assuring with bonuses £446 million. £14.9 million was paid out to policyholders during the year in maturing policies and £4.7 million *in death claims.*

POLICYHOLDERS' BONUS

It is pleasing to record that we have been able to increase the reversionary bonus on with profit life policies in the ordinary branch to £3.80 per £ sum assured compared with £3.75 for 1973. However, as mentioned previously, the dramatic fall in the value of stock exchange investments has resulted in terminal bonuses being at a much lower level than last year.

A bonus of £4.00 per £ annuity has been declared on with-profit retirement annuity contracts, including our new private pension policies, plus a terminal bonus of 25 per cent.

In the industrial branch, the high level of reversionary bonus of £3.50 per £100 sum assured reached last year has been maintained but we regret that the terminal bonuses introduced in this branch two years ago have had to be suspended for the time being.

GENERAL BRANCH

The progress in this branch was disappointing after the success of the previous year and we want to see a much greater rate of expansion.

In the motor department there was an underwriting loss of £60,443. In anticipation of these results, an increase in our premiums had already been submitted to and authorised by the Department of Trade and this was put into force at the beginning of 1975. It is hoped that a substantial expansion can be made in this department in order to contain expenses and minimise the need for further premium increases in the near future.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS

As a result of the provision which had to be made against the fall in market prices the transfers from the long term business revenue accounts are slightly lower at £1,022,500 against £1,147,000 but the transfer from the general business revenue account was £100,000 against £50,000 last year. As already stated we regarded the fall in market prices as an abnormality and we have therefore felt it right to increase the stockholders' dividend although *the payment will decrease the* balances carried forward in our combined profit and loss accounts from £1,191,001 to £976,185.

STAFF

The results achieved by the company are brought about by the good work of the staff, both in the field and at chief office and we are more than pleased with the sense of responsibility which our staff bring to coping with the many problems which we have to meet at the present *time. Despite the strains imposed* both on management and staff by inflationary pressure our relationship has remained as constructive and cooperative as ever.

PRIDE & CLARKE LIMITED

The following are salient points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr A. D. Clarke, circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year to 30th September, 1974.

★ In the year under review we have seldom faced so many and diverse problems *covering every aspect of the trade.* Nevertheless the Motor Trade Companies achieved a reasonably satisfactory turnover whilst an importing Company actually increased its sales.

★ Due to credit restrictions and the high cost of money, our Hire Purchase Companies suffered a reduction in turnover, but managed to improve their profit margin.

★ The group achieved a turnover of £22,975,142 and a profit before taxation of £554,787, which I feel is not an unsatisfactory result for the year in question.

★ The Directors recommend a final dividend on the ordinary shares of 5.425p per share making a total for the year of 8.225p per share. This reflects the confidence of the Board for the future of the Group based on the fact that so far during the current Financial Year turnover is in excess of that for the corresponding period of last year.

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 02.04.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1958)=

	Index No. Latest	Div. %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	114.78	7.98	16.62	114.71
Largest Cos.	113.29	7.72	20.37	113.38
Smaller Cos.	119.54	8.43	17.42	119.71
Capital Goods	118.16	8.25	17.08	117.66
Consumer Goods	130.51	7.93	15.35	130.32
Share Shares	107.13	7.89	6.69	106.98
Largest financial shares	148.54	6.53	—	148.54
Largest financial and industrial shares	150.83	7.20	—	150.79
Commodity shares	101.87	4.52	33.37	102.38
Gold Mining shares	691.35	4.22	8.16	823.26
Industrial debenture stocks	77.30	7.95*	—	77.21
Industrial preference stocks	82.92	12.20*	—	82.92
3½% War Loan	25½	13.65*	—	25½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	128.47 (15.05.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1975	128.98 (06.03.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.16 (28.05.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.38 (12.01.73)	130.89 (14.12.73)
1972	194.47 (15.06.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.71 (31.12.71)	122.98 (22.05.71)
1970	145.78 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)

* Flat interest yield.

* Adjusted for tax changes. a Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield excluded. s Ex special payments. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adj for late dealings. . . . No significant data.

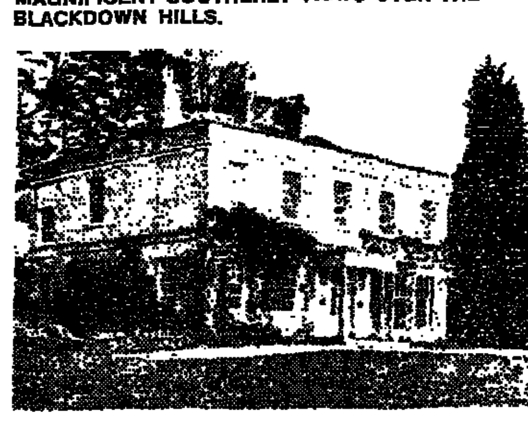
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University of Surrey

SENIOR LECTURER IN LAW

(within the Department of Linguistic and Regional Studies)

Applications are invited for the above position from Barristers and Solicitors with considerable experience in legal practice and with some experience of teaching law, preferably at undergraduate level. Preference will be given to candidates wishing to continue in active practice for an agreed proportion of their working time. The present course in Linguistic and Regional Studies combines the study of a major language (French, German or Russian) with the study of Law, including both the English civil law and the legal systems and codes of the student's major language area. The degree is recognised by the Law Society. Although an interest in, and knowledge of one or more of the foreign legal systems dealt with in the course would be an advantage, the person appointed will be primarily concerned with the area of English Law. He will be responsible to the Head of Department for the organisations and running of legal studies in the Department and for planning extensions of these.

Salary, according to qualifications and experience will be within the range: £4,707 to £5,976, with superannuation under USS conditions. The person appointed will be expected to take up the appointment by 1 September 1975.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Registrar (LFG1), University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH, or Tel.: Guildford 71281, Ext. 456, and to whom applications, in the form of a curriculum vitae including the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent by: 25 April 1975.

University of Rhodesia

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Applications are invited from persons with considerable research and/or other relevant experience for a RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP which becomes available in September, 1975. Preference will be given to applicants who are qualified to contribute to on-going investigations into either teaching of reading in English, teaching of Mathematics, teaching of Science to African Primary School pupils or the development and evaluation of teacher education programmes at all levels. However, applicants with research proposals in other fields relevant to education in this multi-cultural country will be considered.

Further information is available from the Registrar on application.

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University of London King's College

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

STABILITY ANALYSIS RESEARCH GROUP

Applications are invited for a post of RESEARCH ASSISTANT/FELLOW to work with a group concerned with mechanics of materials and the behaviour of geotechnical structures. Applicants should have postgraduate or industrial experience in theoretical mechanics or materials testing. The salary will depend on qualifications and experience. A postdoctoral worker is preferred and in such a case the appointment will be made at the appropriate point on the Lecturer's scale (which with London Allowance and Threshold payments starts at £2,747 per annum). USS contributions will be payable) for a period of up to three years. An S.R.C. RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP is also available for the project. Further information is available on request.

Applications, together with the names of two referees, should be sent to Dr. J. W. Dougill, Reader in Engineering Science, Department of Civil Engineering, University of London King's College, London WC2R 2LS, before the 28th April 1975.

University of Otago

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Further particulars are available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF, or from the Registrar of the University. Applications close on 30 April, 1975.

University of Bristol

DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING BRISTOL BS8 1TR

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University of Ife—Nigeria

Applications are invited for the post of SENIOR LECTURER IN SOIL SCIENCE. Applicants should have a research degree, preferably a PhD in a relevant field with a minimum of 5 years' teaching and research experience and evidence of significant contribution to knowledge in their area of specialisation. Salary scale: N6895—N8730 p.a. (£4,755-£6,021 p.a. sterling) £1 sterling—N1.45. The British Government may supplement salary in an appropriate case. Family passages: superannuation and medical scheme; various allowances; regular overseas leave. Detailed applications (2 copies): including a curriculum vitae and naming three referees, should be forwarded by air mail, not later than 1 May 1975 to the Registrar, University of Ife, Ile-Ife, Nigeria. Applicants resident in UK should also send one copy to Room 50, Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

Ahmadu Bello University Nigeria

Applications are invited for the posts of (i) READER (ii) SENIOR LECTURER and (iii) LECTURERS IN GEOGRAPHY. Candidates for (i) should have a good honours degree and a good research degree (Doctorate degree) in Geography. They should be persons of academic distinction and must have considerable experience in University teaching and research. Candidates for (ii) should have a good honours degree and a research degree, preferably a doctorate degree, in Geography as well as adequate experience in university teaching and research. Candidates for (iii) should have a good honours degree and a higher degree in Geography. Some experience in teaching at undergraduate level is desirable. Candidates should have specialisation and teaching/research experience in one or more of the following—geomorphology, soil geography, biogeography, climatology, hydrology, medical geography, population geography, land resource analysis. Regional interests in one or more of the following areas will be an advantage—North America, Europe, Latin America, South East Asia and East Africa. The appointees will be required to teach courses in geography according to their specialisation and interest and promote the subject by teaching and research. They will be required to share administrative and other departmental work with their colleagues as required by the Head of Department. Salary scales: Reader N7,760-N9,810 p.a. (£5,351-£6,765 p.a. sterling); Senior Lecturer N6,895—N8,730 p.a. (£4,755-£6,021 p.a. sterling). Lecturer N5,350-N6,905 p.a. (£3,690-£4,762 p.a. sterling). £1 equals N1.45. The British Government may supplement salaries in appropriate cases. Family passages, various allowances; superannuation scheme; biennial overseas leave. Detailed applications (2 copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees, should be forwarded by airmail, not later than 1 May, 1975, to the Registrar, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. Applicants resident in U.K. should also send 1 copy to Room 50, Inter-University Council, 90-91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT. Further particulars *may be obtained from either* address.

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Applicants should be single and should hold an honours degree or equivalent.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Registrar, The Papua New Guinea University of Technology, P.O. Box 793, Lae, Papua New Guinea, and should arrive no later than 25 April, 1975.

University of Liverpool

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTATIONAL AND STATISTICAL SCIENCE

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The appointment, for two years in the first instance, will be at an initial salary of £3,118 per annum, plus threshold payments and USS benefits.

Applications stating age, academic qualifications and experience, together with the names of two referees should be received not later than 15th April, 1975, by the Registrar, The University, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX. Quote ref. RV/435/T.

University of New South Wales

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

LECTURER BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE

Applicants should hold high academic qualifications in one or more of the fields of social psychology, sociology, social anthropology, politics, economics, industrial relations and/or in a professional area such as business, public or health administration.

Employment or consulting in business and government and previous teaching experience an advantage. The appointee will be concerned with the application of the behavioural sciences to the administration of organisations.

Salary: $A11,250 to $A15,100 per annum. Commencing salary according to qualifications and experience.

Details of appointment, including superannuation, study leave and housing scheme, may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

Applications close in Australia and London 30 April 1975

University of Liverpool

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer. The Department is interested in applicants who could contribute to one or more of the following areas: sensation/perception, control systems, psychometrics, or in the applications of psychology but consideration will be given to all applicants with suitable qualifications and experience. Initial salary will be within the range £2,118 to £2,412 p.a. on a scale rising to £4,896 p.a. plus threshold payments and superannuation benefits. Applications, together with the names of three referees, should be received not later than 15th May, 1975 by the Registrar, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX from whom further particulars may be obtained. Quote ref RV/431/T.

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A Special or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Proprietors of ...Shard Bridge Company was held ...the 27th day of February 1975 ...accordance with a notice dated ...st January 1975 calling that ...eeting which appeared in this ...wspaper on the 31st January ...73 and 7th February 1975 for the ...rpose of considering and if ...ought fit approving the Bill herein ...form referred to. After that Meeting had been held it was found that ...e Standing Orders of Parliament ...lating to the calling of that Meeting had not been fully complied ...th. It is accordingly necessary to ...ld a further Meeting for the pur...se of considering and if thought ...approving the said Bill.

Dated this 27th day of March ...75.

V. COLLINSON, Secretary, Shard Bridge Company, 63, Adelaide Street, Blackpool, FY1 4PT.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

E. P. HATCHETT
P. E. MOODY
Joint Secretaries

...March, 1975.
...Holborn Bars, London EC1N ...

LEGAL NOTICES

...E COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In ...Matter of CONSUL RECORD...S Limited Nature of Business: ...cord dealers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE ...March 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST ...ETINGS:
CREDITORS 18th April 1975, at ...m G.20, Atlantic House, Hol...n Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD ...12.00 o'clock.
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D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

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WINDING-UP ORDER MADE ...d March 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST ...ETINGS:
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...E COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the ...tter of BRISTOL (WEST-END) ...mited Nature of Business: Restau...nt.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE ...th March 1975
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST ...ETINGS:
CREDITORS 16th April, 1975, at ...om G20, Atlantic House, Holborn ...aduct, London EC1N 2HD at ...00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same ...y and at the same place at 10.30 ...lock
D. A. WILLIAMS Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No 00990 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of LAWTON-BROWNE LEVY & CO Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 26th day of March 1975 presented to the said Court by WILSON & WHITWORTH PUBLISHING Limited whose registered office is situate at High Street, Stratford, London, E.15, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 21st day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

JUDGE & PRIESTLEY, 42/48 East Street, Bromley, Kent, Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 18th day of April 1975.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of Z. T. ELECTRICS Limited Nature of Business: Electrical Engineers & Contractors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 17th March 1975
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 16th April 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of WARDOUR IMPORTS Limited Nature of Business: Clothing Manufacturers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February, 1975
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 16th April 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.30 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day, and at the same place at 12.00 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of G. T. (HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES) Limited. Nature of Business: Double Glazing Contractors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd March, 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS: 17th April, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES: On the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of J. H. "L" MAIL ORDER Limited. Nature of Business: Hire Purchase and Mail Order.
WINDING-UP ORDER made 3rd March, 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS: 16th April, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES: on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BESTLINE PRODUCTS (U.K.) Limited. Nature of Business: Distributors of Detergents.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd March 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 16th April 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.15 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.45 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of KOUSOULOS & CO. Limited. Nature of Business: Dealers in footwear.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February 1975
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 16th April, 1975, at Room G.20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF SAN PAULO IMPROVEMENTS AND FREEHOLD LAND COMPANY Limited (in voluntary liquidation).

Notice is hereby given (pursuant to the provisions of Section 296 of the Companies Act, 1948) that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at Deltec House, Marlborough and Cumberland Streets, Nassau, Bahamas on Friday 18th April 1975 at 2.30 pm for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution which will be proposed as an ORDINARY RESOLUTION:—

RESOLUTION

That MR PETER WILLIAM BARROWS, Chartered Accountant, of 3 Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London EC2R 8DB be and he is hereby appointed as the LIQUIDATOR of the Company in place of Mr Maurico Isidore Eckman, deceased.

Dated 25 March 1975
for and on behalf of DELTEC INTERNATIONAL Limited (a Contributory).
Joseph G. Carloppo, Director.

NOTES

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf, and such proxy need not be a member of the Company.
2. Forms of Proxy for use at the above meeting should be lodged at the offices of Price Waterhouse & Co., 3 Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London EC2R 8DB not less than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.
3. Holders of Stock Warrants to Bearer desirous of attending the meeting will receive authority entitling them to do so upon depositing at the offices of Price Waterhouse & Co., 3 Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London EC2R 8DB two clear days at least before the day fixed for the meeting, either the said Warrants or a Certificate from an Authorised Depository that he holds them.

In the Matter of HOECHST-CASSELLA DYESTUFFS Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 21st day of April, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned GEORGE F. COCKERELL, of Abacus House, Gutter Lane, Cheapside, London EC2V 8AH the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 27th day of March 1975.

GEORGE F. COCKERELL, Liquidator.

N.B.—This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of R. C. LEAROYD Limited

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL PAYMENT to PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 18th April 1975 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of HOLBORN PLATING COMPANY Limited

Notice is hereby given that a SECOND and FINAL DIVIDEND to CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 18th April 1975 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SHELLFIELD FURNISHING Limited Nature of Business: Furniture Manufacturers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd March 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DUBELY CO. Limited Nature of Business: Property owners.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd March 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April 1975, at Room G.20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00938 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of FRIARS OAK DEVELOPMENTS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 24th day of March 1975 presented to the said Court by Messrs. Beale, Capps & Willmott (a firm), of 126/216a Ladbroke Grove, London, W.10. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 2LL on the 21st day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

KANTER, JULES & CO., 51 Mount Street, London, W1Y 6DE. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 18th day of April 1975.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of THE TRIUMPH INVESTMENT TRUST Limited Nature of business:—Holding & Investment Company
WINDING-UP ORDER made 24th February 1975
DATE and PLACE of 1ST MEETINGS:—
CREDITORS on 15th April 1975 at The Mayfair Suite Hanover Grand 6 Hanover Street London W1 at 10.30 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock

The Court has ordered that Notice of the First Meetings of Contributories shall be by advertisement in the London Gazette and specified newspapers including "Daily Mail" Daily Telegraph The Guardian Daily Mirror The Sun The Scotsman Daily Express and Belfast Telegraph.

Those persons intending to vote at the creditors' meeting should if they have not already done so send particulars of their claims to the Official Receiver Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD from whom forms of Proof of Debt and Proxy can be obtained.

Proofs of Debt and Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged with the Official Receiver not later than 13.00 o'clock on Monday the 14th April 1975

The meetings are called for the purpose of determining whether a Liquidator shall be appointed in place of the Official Receiver and whether a Committee of Inspection shall be appointed to act with the Liquidator.

N. SADDLER Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of G. T. WHYTE & COMPANY Limited Nature of Business: Bankers etc.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 18th April 1975, at The Mayfair Suite, Hanover Grand, Hanover Square, London W.1. at 10.30 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of TWENSHIRE Limited Nature of Business: Printers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February 1975
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April 1975, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of FINEWAYS SUPERMARKET Limited Nature of Business: Grocers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd March 1975
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948 and in the Matter of K. A. BECK (ELECTRICAL) Ltd.

Notice is hereby given that by an Order of the High Court of Justice dated the 15th January, 1975, Nevill Fraser Shearman, F.C.C.A. of Latham & Co., Walter House, 418/422 Strand, London, WC2R 0PH, was APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company, together with a Committee of Inspection.

N. F. SHEARMAN, Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948 and in the Matter of MARTYN ELECTRICAL (REDHILL) Ltd.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the High Court of Justice dated the 24th December, 1974, Nevill Fraser Shearman, F.C.C.A. of Walter House, 418/422 Strand, London WC2R 0PH was APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company, together with a Committee of Inspection.

N. F. SHEARMAN, Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. T.A.C. (MOTOR TOOLS) Limited.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of T.A.C. (Motor Tools) Limited will be held at Room 17, Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, London, S.W.1, on Tuesday the 22nd day of April, 1975 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 294 and 295.

Dated the 1st day of April, 1975.
MRS. V. B. PEARL, Director.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of KEMLEY INVESTMENT TRUST Limited Nature of Business: Investment and Trust Company.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February 1975
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 16th April 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 1.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PEPE RUSH AUDIO Limited. Nature of Business: Dealers in Electronic Equipment.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd March, 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April 1975, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00663 of 1975

IN the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (CHANCERY DIVISION) Companies Court. In the Matter of GAYCROSS BUILDERS Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was, on the 25th day of March, 1975, presented to the said Court by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise of King's Beam House, 39–41 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7HE.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 21st day of April, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

G. KRIKORIAN, King's Beam House, 39-41 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7HE, Solicitor to the Petitioners.

Note.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 18th day of April, 1975.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of WALKER BROTHERS (LONDON) Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at Abacus House, Gutter Lane, Cheapside, London, E.C.2, on Monday, 5th May, 1975 at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12.00 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up to date.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

Proxies for both meetings must be lodged at the address below not later than 4 p.m. on Friday, 2nd May, 1975.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1975.

P. F. M. SHEWELL, Liquidator.

Abacus House,
Gutter Lane,
Cheapside,
London, EC2V 8AH.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of M. K. CHEMISTS Limited

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL PAYMENT to PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 18th April 1975 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of TELECINE PRODUCTIONS Limited. Nature of Business: Film Production for T.V. Commercials.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 17th February 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS: 16th April, 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES: On the same day at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of MIDLAND CAR PARKS Limited. Nature of Business: Car Park Operators
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April 1975, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 4.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 4.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PARKWATER Limited. Nature of Business: Manufacturers and Dealers in Double Glazing and Sound Proofing Equipment.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th February, 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 17th April 1975, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE UNITED SOCIETY FOR CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Notice is hereby given that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Society will be held at ST MICHAELS HOUSE, 2 ELIZABETH STREET, LONDON SW1W 9RQ, on TUESDAY, APRIL 29th, 1975, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of the following business:

(1) To elect a Chairman
(2) To elect Members of Committee
(3) To elect a Treasurer and Honorary Secretaries.
(4) To elect an Honorary Solicitor.
(5) To transact any other ordinary business of the Society.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1975.
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But has the message gone home, despite extensive press and television advertising by the Department of the Environment? It appears not.

During the blizzards in the South-east at Easter, I checked the number of drivers who were obeying the new law. On a typical stretch of the A26 between Tunbridge Wells and Lewes, 16 vehicles out of 100 had dipped headlamps; 20 had parking lights only; and the rest had not lights at all. That was when whirling snowflakes made it difficult to see an approaching car until it was practically on top of you.

Perhaps the new law is not widely known, and matters will improve as time goes on. One hopes so, but without much confidence. A recent large-*scale survey by the Automobile Asso*ciation showed that a fifth of 32,000 cars checked had some form of lighting deficiency, and in cars six years *old that rose to 29 per cent.*

The Lucas Group said, perhaps too charitably, that it did not necessarily indicate that motorists had an open disregard for the law. It showed that the need for good lighting was not readily understood.

Perhaps it does, but one cannot help feeling that the man who drives around with only one headlamp working is lacking not in understanding but in responsibility.

Nowhere has the question of "see and be seen" car lighting been more carefully investigated than in Sweden. All 1975 model Volvo cars sold there have special town lights. They come on automatically when the engine is started and make the car much more noticeable to other drivers and pedestrians.

According to Volvo's electrical department head, Lars-Erik Lundberg, a car not equipped with town lights should have its dipped headlamps on all the time it is moving. "But dipped headlamps have a snag. Often the driver forgets to switch them on, or uses totally inadequate parking lights instead", he told me. "Parking lights are quite unfit for use when the car is moving."

Some countries already legislate to make it impossible to drive with just the parking lights on. The car's wiring has to be so designed that, with the engine running, the driver can switch on headlamps only, or no lights at all. Because legislation in those countries speaks of "headlights", to stop motorists driving on parking lights the town lights cannot be fitted to the Volvo cars they import.

Volvo considers that the town lights have many benefits. They are smaller and brighter than dipped headlamps, rather like the sidelamps of quality cars of the 1930s, and have 10 times the power of parking lights. According to Volvo, they show up better than dipped headlamps, which have little power above the horizontal plane and are designed not to produce irritating reflections from wet roads. "Until it is dark enough for a driver to need dipped headlamps actually to see where he is going, the town lights are more than adequate", Mr Lundberg says.

The bulbs in the town lights are said to last for the equivalent of 36,000 miles' driving. They can be seen more easily *to the side of the car* than headlamps, which, Volvo points out, are designed solely to light up the road ahead. Other advantages claimed are longer life of the more expensive headlamp bulbs because there will be less driving on dipped headlamps, and more effective overtaking signals when *the flasher is* used. That is because, with the headlights switched off, a flash of the main beam is more easily seen than when *superimposed on the dipped beam.*

The "town light" concept is much too advanced for Britain. First we must get used to the idea of driving on dipped headlamps when visibility fades. But wiring changes to prevent parking lights from being used when the car is being driven are another matter. How many readers of this column would welcome, or at least be prepared to accept, such a modification in view of the change in the law here?

Colt makes progress

The three former BMW Concessionaires (GB) executives who *established the Colt Car Company* at the end of last year could hardly have chosen a less favourable moment to launch a new make of car on the British market.

But, given the economic crisis and the rest of our troubles, progress has not been too bad. Jack Morris-Marsham, of Colt, said *this week* that he hoped the 4,000 sales target might be achieved by the year's end. So far, 500 Colt cars have been put on the road, and *demand is increasing now* that 75 dealers have been appointed and an advertising campaign is under way.

The greatest demand has been for the 1400 four-door de luxe, which looks cheap at £1,597 now that a Ford Escort 1300L four-door costs £1,648 and the 1300GL four-door, *£1,777*. Colt's cheapest car, the 1400 two-door standard, undersells the basic 1100 Escort, which costs £1,440, by exactly £40.

With only 500 cars on the road, *it is* too early to be able to make any claims for reliability, but Mr Morris-Marsham told me that no troubles had been expected and *none had so far shown* up. The reason for his confidence was that the Colt range of Lancer and Galant cars had been in production for *several years before their introduction* here and were basically simple, rugged cars.

They are conventionally laid out, *with leaf-sprung rear axles, inoffensive* if unadventurous styling, and the slightly jazzy interiors favoured by the Japanese.

With speed limits everywhere and *the need for economical use of expen*sive petrol, the amenities of a family car are more important to many people nowadays than performance. Looked at in that way, the 2000 Galant four-door saloon I have been driving for the past two weeks is a satisfactory car. Complete with push-button radio, tinted glass, large clock and heated rear window, it costs £2,199.

The nylon brocade seats are comfortable and the standard of interior trim generally is quite luxurious. The 2-litre, single overhead-camshaft engine produces 115 brake horsepower (gross) at 6,000 rpm and, aided by as pleasant a five-speed gearbox as one will find outside an Alfa Romeo, gives lively acceleration and a claimed maximum of 106 mph. Of greater relevance is its tolerance of two-star petrol and a consumption of 25-28 mpg in normal use, with 30 mpg obtainable if driven gently on longer journeys.

Tyre with service book

For years the tyre industry has been trying to persuade motorists that it is making a high technology product that deserves to be treated with respect. Yet for years motorists have been wooed into tyre dealers' stores largely by promises of low prices.

Rightly, the tyre industry has maintained that in the interests of safety tyres should be regularly inspected and carefully maintained. Obstinately, the motorist has at best continued to ignore his tyres and, at worst, to maltreat them.

Now a manufacturer has come up with a bright idea that appears to help both the tyre user and dealer. Uniroyal, an American manufacturer with a substantial share of mainland Europe's tyre business, provides a service book with every one of the *steel-belted radials it sells in Britain.*

It looks exactly like the service book provided with a new car. In it are vouchers entitling the buyer to free safety and tread wear *inspection*, as well as checks on wheel balance and steering alignment, at 6,000-mile or six-monthly intervals. Should any work be necessary, for example rebalancing the wheels or realigning the steering, the customer has to pay, but at what the book calls "special Uniroyal stockist's discount prices".

The motorist benefits from having an experienced eye run over his tyres and the underside of his car every six months. The tyre dealer can expect to make a profit on the work carried out but, just as important, he maintains contact with his customer. That has become a *real* problem, because steel-belted tyres wear out so slowly that the average customer will not return for a replacement in less than two and a half years.

Stuart Marshall

Broadcasting

Today, we are reliably informed, is THE day. In fact it is the episode of Crossroads (ITV 6.35) when the fictitious Meg Richardson (alias Noele Gordon) gets married. There is even a blessing in Birmingham Cathedral. Elsewhere Racing from Aintree (BBC1 2.15) is the start of the National meeting, and Jack Point (BBC1 9.25) is the superb Gilbert and Sullivan play by Colin Welland. Dawson's Electric Cinema (ITV 9.0) is a promising series with the funny Les Dawson, but there are two more serious new programmes—The State of the Welfare State (ITV 11.0) about housing and A Place in Europe (ITV 10.30) *featuring a French château.*—T.S.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Tin Tin. 10.05, White Horses.* 10.30-10.55, Circus of Los Muchachos. 12.25 pm, Pool y Cwm. 12.55, News. 1.00, *Pebble Mill.* 1.45-2.00, Bagley. 4.00, Play School. 4.25, Crystal Tipps. 4.30, Pixie and Dixie. 4.35, Jackanory. 4.50, Blue Peter. 5.15, Yogi Bear. 5.20, The Sleepers on the *Hill.* 5.40, Magic Roundabout.
5.45 News. 6.00, Nationwide.*
6.55 Tomorrow's World.
7.20 Top of the Pops.
8.00 The Liver Birds.
8.30 Are You Being Served?
9.00 News.
9.25 Play, Jack Point, by *Colin Welland,* with Stephen Murray, Isabel Dean.
10.50 Midweek.
11.28 Weather.
* black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
WALES:—12.25-12.55 pm, Transmitters closedown. 1.45-2.00, Lin Mam. 5.15-5.40, Vision on. 6.00-6.55, Wales Today. Nationwide. 6.55-7.20, Heddiw. 8.00-8.30, Jonnny Tudor in Cabaret. 8.30-9.00, Blodeugerdd. SCOTLAND.—12.25-12.55 pm, Transmitters closedown. 6.00-6.55, Reporting Scotland. *Nationwide.* 8.30-9.00, Porridge. 11.28, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND.—12.25-12.55 pm, Transmitters closedown. 6.00-6.55, Scene Around Six: Nationwide. 8.00-8.30, Ballantí. 10.50-11.28, Circuit of *Ireland Rally.* 11.28, *Northern Ireland* News Headlines.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University*: An Abattoir for Ibadan? 7.05, Suez Crisis. 7.30-7.55, Concept of Mind. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 2.15-4.25 pm, Racing from Aintree. 5.00, Open University*: Seeing the Future. 5.25, Ford Interview (T). 5.50, Childhood in Victorian Literature. 6.15-6.40, *Digital Computing.* 7.05, Hockett's Design Features.
7.30 Newsday.
7.55 A Legacy, part 1.
8.45 We Call Them Killers: killer whales.
9.00 Dave Allen at Large.
9.45 Man Alive: Major Dudley Gardiner, MBE.
10.35 News Extra.
10.55 Second City Firsts: Waiting at the Field Gate, by James Robson.
11.25-11.30, Cyril Cusack reads *Modern Love,* by John Keats.

Granada

9.30 am, *Spiderman.* 9.50, Sesame Street. 10.50, The Voice in the Fingers. 11.40, The Jackson Five. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, The Baron. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.15, Dodo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Rock on with 45. 7.05, Pathfinders. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Reports Extra. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20-12.20 am, Shannon's Mob.

Thames

10.00 am, The 21st Century. 10.25, Cartoon. 10.35, The Man Who Hated Laughter. 11.20, Galloping Gourmet. 11.45, Larry the Lamb. 12.00, Pipkins. 12.15 pm, Flower Stories. 12.30, Jobs Around the House. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, *General Hospital.* 3.00, Boney. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, Rainbow. 4.45, Cartoon. 4.50, The New Land.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Born Free.
8.00 Man About the House.
8.30 This Week: Dying for a Fag.
9.00 Dawson's Electric Cinema.
10.00 News.
10.30 A Place in Europe, *France:* Vaux-le-Vicomte.
11.00 The State of the Welfare State: Housing.
12.00 What the Papers Say.
12.15 Words of Wisdom, with Lord Hailsham.

ATV

11.30 am, Mr Piper. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Marcus Welby, MD. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 5.20, 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Film, *The Comedy Man,* with Kenneth More.* 12.10 am, Jean Denton.

Southern

11.15 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Men at the Top. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Jason King. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, Around the World in 80 Days. 4.50, The Beachcombers. 5.20, Dodo. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, The Protectors. 7.00, ATV. 8.00, New Who Do You Do? 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Film, Tiger *by the Tail,* with Christopher George, Tippi Hedren. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.25, Weather. Guideline.

Anglia

[illegible]30 am, Men at the Top. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, Romper Room. 4.55, Around the World in 80 Days. 5.50, ATV. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Arena. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Protectors. 8.00, Thames. 11.00, The Whiteoaks of Jalna. 11.55, The Living Word.

Yorkshire

11.35 am, Ed Allen. 10.55, Hammy Hamster. 11.05, Unnamed World. 11.30, Tomfoolery. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Houseparty. 3.25, Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Calendar People. 11.00-11.55, Barnaby Jones.

Scottish

11.30 am, Men at the Top. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. *Weather.* 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, UFO. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, Around the World in 80 Days. 4.50, Arthur of the Britons. 5.20, Lucowbullonpoppers. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Ask Scotland Final. 7.00, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Late Call. 10.35-11.35, New Faces.

Tyne Tees

9.30 am, Starting Point. 10.35, Ed Allen. 10.55, Hammy Hamster. 11.05, Western Civilization. 11.30, Men at the Top. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Where the Jobs are. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, *Women Only.* 2.30, Thames. 3.00, The Saint. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Today. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Maude. 11.00, Westminster File. 11.30, News. 11.35, Epilogue.

HTV

11.30 am, Men at the Top. 12.00, Thames. 12.15 pm, The Enchanted House. 12.30, *Thames.* 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, The Champions. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, Woody Woodpecker. 4.50, Castaway. 5.20, *Help!* 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, The Best in the West. 7.00, Thames. 10.30, Cricket in the Middle. 11.00, Journey to the Unknown. 12.00, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES. As HTV except: 1.20-1.25, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.25-4.35, Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.50, Miri Mwy. 6.01-6.15, Y Dydd. 6.30-7.00, Sports Arena. 11.00-12.00, The Way of the World: A Journey to London. HTV WEST. As HTV except: 6.15-6.30, *Sport West.*

Westward

10.35 am, *Funky Phantom.* 11.05, Yoga for Health. 11.30, Men at the Top. 12.00, Thames. 1.20, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, The Brontes of Haworth. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, The Wild West. 5.20, Maude. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Westward Report. 10.55, Westward News. 11.00, The Collaborators. 11.55, Faith for Life.

Grampian

11.30 am, Men at the Top. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 am, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, The Saint. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Love American Style. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Marcus Welby, MD. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, The Birth of the Bomb. 11.30, Prayers.

Border

10.35 am, Yoga for Health. 10.55, Hammy Hamster. 11.05, *Jungle Boy.* 11.30, Men at the Top. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Police Surgeon. 3.25, Survival. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, Skippy. 4.50, Junior Library. 5.05, Cartoon. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Movin' On. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, A Personal View, Peter Ustinov. 11.00, Maude. 11.30, Border News.

Ulster

11.15 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Men at the Top. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Born Free. 3.55, ATV. 4.25, *The Houndcats.* 4.50, The Flaxton Boys. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 11.00-11.30, What's it all About.

Radio

1
6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, John Peel. 7.02, Treble Chance Knockout Quiz. 7.30, The Organist.† 8.02, Folk '75.† 8.30, Folkweave.† 9.02, Barn Dance.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Don Durbridge.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Don Durbridge.† 12.31, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young. 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Verdi, Mendelssohn, Prokofiev.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Boccherini, Quantz, Michael Haydn.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Taverner, Tye and Tallis.† 9.55, BBC Concert Orchestra; Peter Hope, Tchaikovsky, David Gow, Handel, Robert Docker.† 10.55, Concert from University of *Liverpool,* part 1: Duvernoy, Richard Stoker.† 11.25, Poets on Music. John Smith. 11.40, Concert, part 2: Brahms.† 12.15 pm, Bournemouth Sinfonietta, part 1: Gluck, Beethoven, Haydn.† *1.00, News.* 1.05, Concert, part 2: Haydn, Schubert.† 1.50, The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny, opera by Kurt Weill. 4.20, Concert Club. 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Hawks and Doves. 7.10, The ABC of Education. 7.30, Orchestral Concert. Manchester, part 1: Strauss, Tippett.† 8.25, Le Corbusier: Meeting with a Memory, talk. 8.45, Concert, part 2: *Schumann.*† 9.30, Money International, talk. 10.15, La Bonne Chanson: Song-cycle by Fauré.† 10.40, A 2 Clav. E Pedal (pedal harpsichord).† 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, *An Aspidistra in Babylon.* 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Baker. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, If You Think You've Got Problems. 11.50, *Birds in their Element.* 12.00, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27 pm, My Music.† 12.55, Weather.
1.00 pm, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.0, News. 3.05, Play: The Watchers. 3.50, Jack de Manio. 4.35, Story Time: Sandi—The Kingmaker. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Dad's Army. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Any Answers? 8.00, Napoleon Aboard HMS Bellerophon: Historical feature. 8.45, Where Your Treasure Is: For and against new taxes. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, *Weather.* 10.10, *The World Tonight.* 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: An Unimpeachable Source. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, America, Where are You Now? part 3: Vermont—Five Days with the Fat Cats. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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CHANDLER : HARGREAVES.—On March 29th, at St. Paul's Church, Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nigel Chandler, of Reading, to Alison Hargreaves, of Nottingham.

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COTRIM : HENDERSON.—On February 6th in Rio de Janeiro, Pedro, son of Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Cotrim, to Lavinia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Alexander Henderson, all of Rio de Janeiro.
YOUNG : NAPIER. — On 29th March, 1975, in St. Andrew's Church, West Linton, Peeblesshire, Derek John, younger son of Mr and Mrs. D. Young, 15 Lasswade Road, Loanhead, to Carol Anne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs R. Napier, Romany, West Linton.

RUBY WEDDING

GILBERT : RODWAY.—At the Cathedral of the Highlands, Nairobi, Joan Margaret to William George, on April 3rd, 1935.

DIAMOND WEDDING

MOYNIHAN : ALEXANDER.—On 3rd April 1915, at St Michael's Church, Birkenhead, William John Moynihan and Pheoe Alexander.

DEATHS

ALLINSON.—On April 1st, 1975, Dr. Bertrand Pater, peacefully at home in St. John's Wood, London. Service Golders Green Crematorium, Tuesday April 8th, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, by request, but donations, please, to the Anti Vivisection Society.
BROWN.—On April 1st, 1975, Philip Audley Brown, Priest, youngest son of the late Claud Brown, first Vicar of Verwood and West Moors, R.I.P. Requiem and interment at North Perrott 12 noon Saturday, April 5th. Family flowers only.
BURCHELL.—On April 1st, 1975, peacefully Winifred Dorothy, beloved wife of Major James P. T. Burchell and mother of James & John. Funeral private, no letters please.
BUTLER.—On Wednesday, April 2nd, at Harrietsham, near Maidstone Elsie Mary (May) Butler, in her 80th year. Formerly of East Farleigh, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Butler, of Aylesford. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium, Maidstone, on Tuesday, April 8th, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Pickard and Beale, Funeral Directors, Maidstone.
COVERDALE.—On March 24th, peacefully in hospital, Joy, widow of Harry Coverdale and mother of Heather, June and Pat.
CRUICKSHANK.—On 31st March, 1975, at Leicester Royal Infirmary, quietly, after an illness, James Etchells Cruickshank, L.D.S., younger son of Dr Margaret and the late Dr W. D. Cruickshank. Funeral service on Friday, 4th April, at St. Andrew's Aylestone Parish Church, Leicester, at 11 a.m. All inquiries and flowers, please, to Joseph Swift (Funeral Directors) Ltd., 5-3 Saffron Lane, Leicester. Telephone 833041.
CURTIS.—On Easter Day, March 30th, very peacefully, at home, Thomas Kingsley, aged 92, husband for 60 years of Gwladys (nee Jackson), father of Hilary, erstwhile senior partner of Messrs. Collyer-Bristow and Co., of Bedford Row. Funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Highgate Village, N.6, on Thursday, April 3rd, at 11.45, followed by private cremation. No flowers, please.
ELLIS, ETHEL KATHERINE, peacefully, on April 2nd, 1975, at Our Lady of the Vale Nursing Home, Bowdon, Cheshire, formerly of Headington, Oxford. All enquiries to her nephew, Mr R. M. Hyslop, 14 Lime Grove, Sheringham, Norfolk.
FEILDING.—On 2nd April, 1975, in hospital in London, Stanislawa Janina "Stasia", wife of the late the honourable Everard Feilding, son of the 8th Earl of Denbigh and Desmond. Requiem Mass 11 a.m., Monday 7th April, at The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Old Marylebone Rd., N.W.1. The funeral will take place at Monk's Kirby, at a later date. R.I.P.
FILLEUL.—On April 1st, peacefully, at 67 Warwick Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, Lt. Commander Philip Miles, D.S.C., R.N. (Retired) formerly of Dorchester and Victoria B.C. Beloved husband of Yvonne. Funeral at St. Andrews Parish Church, Jersey, 9.45 a.m., Saturday, April 5th. Donations if desired to National Society for Cancer Relief, Michael Sobell House, 30 Dorset Square, London, N.W.1 6QL.
HARRISON.—On March 31st, 1975, very peacefully, at his home, The Ivy House, Burwash, Sussex, Cyril Frederick Nigel, aged 70, after many years of a sad illness. Son of the late Nigel and Florence Harrison, The Cottage, Norton on Tees. Funeral service at St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash, on Monday April 7th at 1.45, followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to Sussex Housing Association, 5 Albion Street, Lewes.
HILL.—On March 29, 1975, suddenly Donald James Hill, FCA, aged 62, darling and devoted husband of Sonia. Funeral on Monday, 7th April, at Brighton Downs Crematorium (Bear Rd), 11.30 a.m. Flowers to Haine & Son, 19 South St., Eastbourne.
HOLMES.—On Easter Day, 1975, following a heart attack, Laurence Alexander Holmes, of Newenden, Kent. Much loved husband, father and grandfather.
HOWLETT.—On March 29th, 1975, peacefully Ethel, of The Forge House, Snitterfield, Stratford-on-Avon. Widow of William England Howlett and dear aunt of Sheila Thornton. Service at Snitterfield Parish Church, on Monday, April 7th at 3 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.
HUBBARD.—On April 2nd, 1975, very suddenly, W. Kelton Hubbard, T.D., of Waysbrook, Chagford, Exeter. Much beloved husband of Audrey and dear father of John, Christopher and Digby, and much loved grandpa. Funeral service at Woking Crematorium, on Saturday, April 5th. Enquiries and flowers to F. Harrison and Son, 30 Harvest Road, Englefield Green, Surrey, by 10 a.m. Tel. Egham 2163. Memorial service to be announced later.
ILLINGWORTH.—On April 1st, suddenly, at Bilton Court, Harrogate, Douglas Illingworth, dearly loved husband of Helen and father of Arnold and Malcolm. Service at the Parish Church, Knaresborough, on Monday, April 7th, at 11.30 a.m., prior to interment. Family flowers only. No letters, please. Donations to his memory, may be sent to Harrogate Branch Heart Foundation, c/o Midland Bank Harrogate.
JACKSON.—On Tuesday, April 1st, 1975, Vera (Mimi), widow of Sir Thomas Jackson, Bt. Funeral private on Tuesday, April 8th. Flowers to H. P. Kirby, Peddars Lane, Beccles, Suffolk. Memorial service to be announced later.

DEATHS

LAMB.—On 1st April, suddenly at Royal Cornish City Hospital, Truro, Grace Galloway Frances (Francesca). The last surviving daughter of Sir Francis and Lady Denys of Draycott Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire, and Polleclon, Carlow, Ireland. Cremation private. No flowers, but any donations to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, 83-89 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London, W5.
LAWSON.—On April 1st, 1975, Edith Mathews Monteith (Bee), late of Orchard Cottage, Horsham, beloved wife of the late Noel J. C. Lawson and much loved mother of Joan, John (deceased), and Sallie. Enquiries to Freeman Bros., Horsham.
LE MESURIER.—Suddenly, at 22 Lower Green Road, Esher, on the 24th March, Esmé, dearly beloved wife of Hubert and mother of Mark and Mary. Cremation took place privately on the 27th March.
MAXWELL.—On April 1st, peacefully, in hospital, Edward J. F. Maxwell, of April Cottage, Harvest Bank Road, West Wickham, Kent. Loving husband, father and father-in-law (and grand-pol). Late of The National Bank. Requiem at the Rosary Church, Hayes, Kent, on Tuesday, April 8th, at 12 noon.
McDOUGALL.—On 31st March, 1975, peacefully, at 56 Bolton Gardens, London, S.W.5, Helena Victoria Augusta (Lenchen), in her 89th year, daughter of the late Colonel Eardley Maitland, C.B., much-loved mother of Helen and Victor, and devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. "Her courage and great enjoyment of life will always be remembered." Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Saturday, 5 April, at 11 a.m. No flowers, by request, but donations may be sent to the British Red Cross Society, County of London Branch, 34 Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1.
MURCHISON.—On March 31st, 1975 at North Berwick, Williamina second daughter of the late Mr & Mrs Duncan Murchison, Camusterrach, Applecross. Funeral service at Applecross Churchyard on Friday, 4th April at 2.30 p.m.
PLATT.—On April 2nd, 1975, Hilda of 24 Downs Court Road, Purley, Surrey, wife of Rev. Dr. W. J. Platt also beloved by Jennifer, Peter, Ann, Robert Covell. Funeral at Kenley Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8th. Family flowers only. Remembrance gifts to the Methodist Missionary Society, London N.W.1.
REID.—On Friday, the 21st March, 1975, peacefully in her sleep, Mrs. Dora Reid, of 68 Buckland Crescent, Windsor, wife of the late Major A. V. Reid, M.C.
RETALLACK.—On April 1st, 1975, in hospital, Reverend Marcus Charles of Little Penquite, Golant, beloved husband of Helen. Funeral service at St. Sampson's Church, Golant on Sat April 5th, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to Funeral Director, 117 Par Green, Par, Cornwall.
SANDERS.—On Easter Day, 1975, peacefully, Col. Claude William, late 1st Punjab Regt. of The Old School House, Trent, Sherborne, Dorset. Dear father and grandfather.
SUTCLIFFE.—On April 1, peacefully in Harrogate, in her 89th year, Anne, lately of Reynolds Close, Hampstead Way, London, N.W.11. Beloved wife of the late R. J. Sutcliffe, Barrister at Law and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Service at St. Peters Church, Horbury, Wakefield, on Wednesday, April 9, at 2.30 p.m., followed by interment.
TALBOT de MALAHIDE.—On 2nd April, 1975, at Brecon, Reginald Stanislaus Victor, 8th Baron, aged 77. Funeral Monday, 7th April, 1975 at St Michaels R.C. Church, Brecon at 12.00 midday.
TATUM, RUBEN WILLIAM, beloved father of Betty and Phyllis, passed suddenly away, at 5 Fastnet House, Southsea, on 29th March. Funeral City of London Crematorium, Manor Park, E.12, noon, Monday, 7th April.
TURNER.—On March 30th, 1975, aged 96, Ralph Charlewood, of Antrim House, St Cross Road, Winchester. Cremation on Thursday, 3rd April, at Southampton.
VICKERS.—On March 29th, at 7 Cedar Road, Weybridge, Aileen M. B. Vickers, in her 78th year, a devoted teacher of music and a most kind and valiant spirit. Mourned by her friends and her sister Rhoda.
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WITNEY.—On 30th March, 1975, Leelan, Earl Witney, beloved husband of Anne, after a long illness borne with outstanding courage.
WRIGHT.—On Easter Sunday, 30 March, 1975, peacefully in hospital, John Philip, loving and loved husband of Joan and brother of Dorothy and David. Funeral service private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be announced later.

FUNERAL

THE FUNERAL of Mr James T. Green of Goring Heath, Oxfordshire will take place on Friday, 4th April, Service Reading Crematorium at 11.20 a.m. Flowers & enquiries to Cyril H. Lonegrove, 114/116 Oxford Rd., Reading, Berks. Tel. Reading 52016.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CURTIS, GERALD EDWARD.—A memorial service will be held at All Saints Church, Glasbury-on-Wye, on Saturday, 12th April, 1975 at 12 noon.
DAVIES.—A memorial meeting to commemorate the late Sir Martin Davies will be held in the National Gallery on Tuesday, 15th April, at 6.30 p.m. Those wishing to obtain a ticket should contact the Director's Secretary, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN.
LEWIS.—A memorial service for Professor Sir Aubrey Lewis, LL.D., D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.Psych., former Professor of Psychiatry, University of London, at the Institute of Psychiatry will be held at the Liberal Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, NW8, on Thursday, 17 April, 1975, at 12.30 p.m.
TYRER.—A memorial service for the late Norman Tyrer will be held at St. Mark's Church, Pennington, on Wednesday, 9th April, at 2.30 p.m.

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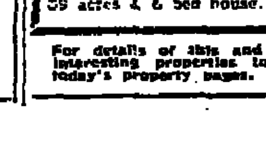
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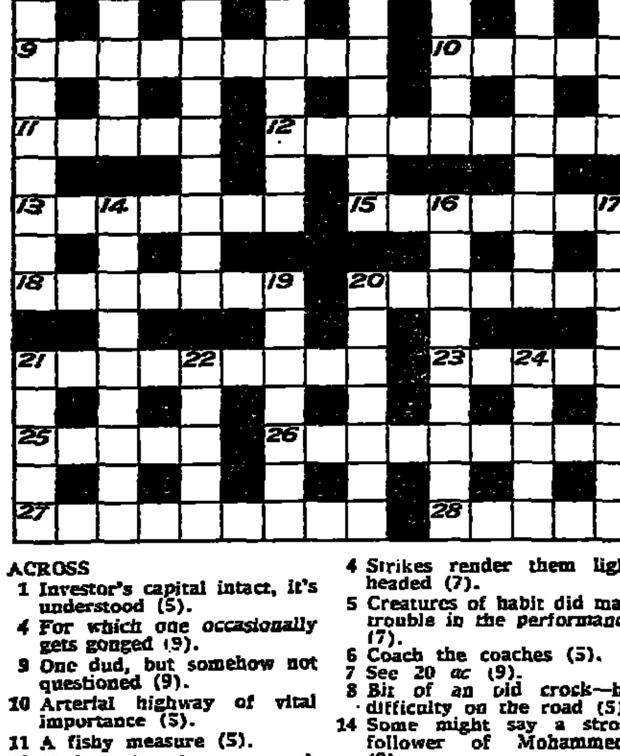
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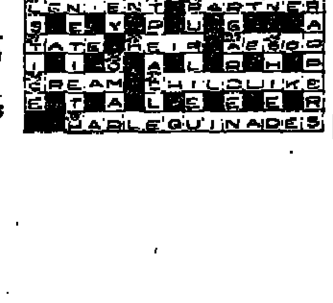
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ACROSS
1 Investor's capital intact, it's understood (5).
4 For which one occasionally gets gonged (9).
9 One dud, but somehow not questioned (9).
10 Arterial highway of vital importance (5).
11 A fishy measure (5).
12 Made trite by overmuch coaching ? (9).
13 Their rough play ruins my boots (7).
15 One of seven, but which is not specified (7).
18 What's left is right (7).
20 Candle-lighting bishop suffered 7 (7).
21 Innumerable titled ladies when widowed are not so important (9).
23 Puzzle concerning means of transportation (5).
25 Tart but unsatisfactory answer (5).
26 Past eight—an accident at the junction (9).
27 At which communities follow the minstrel's example (9).
28 A case for salvage ? A point to heed (5).

DOWN
1 Sonneteer Milton as instrumentalist ? (Wordsworth) (9).
2 A bit of nice dark wood (5).
3 Tinder for the superstitious (9).
4 Strikes render them lightheaded (7).
5 Creatures of habit did make trouble in the performances (7).
6 Coach the coaches (5).
7 See 20 ac (9).
8 Bit of an old crock—has difficulty on the road (5).
14 Some might say a strong follower of Mohammed ? (9).
16 Annual production of Carmen (5, 4).
17 With which to get the measure of the C.I.D.? (9).
19 "Hitch your wagon to a star", he said (7).
20 Rascals masquerading as seamen (7).
21 Not small horse-pistols (5).
22 Shelters conned for what might be inside (5).
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